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## THE PLAY ACTOR.



**Mr. Lloyd George** (*Stage Manager and heavy tragedian, arranging with his colleague, Mr. Asquith, the famous duel scene in the Suffrage Melodrama at the Westminster Music Hall*):—At this point I shall shout "For Honour and the Women!" and advance to the fight. We shall fight fiercely, but in the end you will pierce me through the heart and I shall fall dead.—After that the curtain will drop and we will go and have supper together.

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

### THE OUTLOOK.

Widespread indignation has been aroused by the announcement of the Prime Minister that it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Manhood Suffrage Bill into the House of Commons next Session.

It is recognised that this decision is not merely a direct and unprovoked insult to women, but is also a deliberate breach of the spirit of Mr. Asquith's promise with regard to the Conciliation Bill.

#### Why the Announcement was Made.

It is an open secret that the whole idea of the introduction by the Government in 1912 of a Manhood Suffrage Bill emanated from the brain of Mr. Lloyd George, who has for a long time been scheming to wreck the Conciliation Bill. Baffled in other attempts at mischief the Chancellor of the Exchequer has devised this latest scheme of destruction, which he trusts will effectively secure his end. Mr. George has reckoned all along upon the fact that Woman Suffrage was not a party question, and that Woman Suffragists belonged to all political parties; therefore, when the Conciliation Bill was found to unite Liberals, Conservatives, Irish and Labour men in its support, Mr. George endeavoured, by widening amendments, to introduce the wedge of discord into their compact ranks. The time came when Mr. Lloyd George realised that if this policy were pursued into next year, one of two things would happen: either his manoeuvre would fail, or, if it succeeded, the mask of professed sympathy for Woman Suffrage would be torn from his face, and he would be exposed in his true character as a ruthless opponent. Neither prospect

pleased him, and he has accordingly contrived to create a new situation.

#### The Expectations of Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George's new scheme is probably as follows: The Government is to introduce a Manhood Suffrage Bill. Mr. Lloyd George is to fight on the floor of the House for an amendment to include women. He will make a heroic fight against fearful odds. But in the end, having covered himself with glory and won the undying gratitude of women, he will be defeated. Why will he be defeated? Because he will have split the ranks of the Woman Suffragists. A party proposal will have taken the place of a non-party one, while at the same time the party support, with all the strength of Government Whips and the Government threat of resignation, will be withheld. Then, when the amendment for including women has been lost, and the Manhood Suffrage Bill carried, Mr. Lloyd George might allow a small Bill, conferring votes on women on a limited basis while men have it on an unlimited basis, to go through. He might, and he might not.

#### Letter to Mr. Asquith from Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

That is the scheme. The Women's Social and Political Union see through it, and will have none of it. They have reverted at once to their anti-Government policy, and as announced last week their first step has been to appoint a deputation to interview the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to lay the views of the Union before them. On Monday last



the following letter was sent by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence to Mr. Asquith:—

Consternation has been caused by your recent announcement that the Government intend to introduce, in 1912, a Manhood Suffrage Bill. It has been accordingly decided that a Deputation, representing the Women's Social and Political Union, shall wait upon yourself and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the evening of Tuesday, November 21st, for the purpose of demanding that the proposed Manhood Suffrage Bill be abandoned, and that in its stead the Government introduce and carry a measure giving equal franchise rights to men and women.

A similar letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer concluded with the words:—"The Deputation also desire to express to you in most emphatic terms their refusal even to consider the proposition that the enfranchisement of women should be allowed to depend upon the fate of an amendment to a Government measure of Manhood Suffrage."

#### The Deputation to be Received To-day.

On six separate occasions of crisis in the past the Women's Social and Political Union have requested an interview with Mr. Asquith as Prime Minister, and have been invariably refused. It is significant of the growing strength of the Union and of the pressure exerted by public opinion that, for the first time in his dealings with the W.S.P.U., Mr. Asquith has to-day laid aside his policy of obstinate and contemptuous refusal, and has consented to see the Deputation. His intention was originally conveyed in a letter to the Men's League, despatched before the request from Mrs. Lawrence had been received by him, and subsequently confirmed in the following letter:—

Dear Madam,—I am desired by the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and in reply I am to inform you that arrangements have already been made for the Prime Minister to receive a deputation from various suffrage societies at 11.30 on Friday, November 17th, at 10, Downing Street, including your own society if you desire it. It is proposed that four representatives from each society desiring to take part in the deputation should attend, and I should be much obliged if you would let me know whether it is the intention of your society to be represented. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will be present with the Prime Minister.—I am, yours faithfully,

VAUGHAN NASH.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

It will be seen that the interview will take place to-day in Downing Street at 11.30, and that, in addition to representatives of the W.S.P.U., Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George will receive representatives of other suffrage societies.

#### The W.S.P.U. will Formulate their Demand.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst will formulate the demand of the Union. They will make it perfectly clear that the W.S.P.U. stand for equal franchise laws for men and women, and that they will not accept any other solution. And further, that they will oppose by every means in their power any attempt to leave the inclusion of women in a franchise Bill to the fate of a private amendment. They will call upon the Government to abandon the Manhood Suffrage Bill, and to introduce and carry in its stead a measure giving equal franchise rights to men and women.

#### The Prime Minister's Reply.

After the members of the W.S.P.U. and the representatives of other Suffrage societies have spoken, the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer are expected to give their replies. Whatever these may be the Women's Social and Political Union have decided to hold a special meeting in the Caxton Hall on Tuesday next, November 21, at 7.30, in order that women from all over the country may be informed of the view of the W.S.P.U. with regard to them. If the replies be unfavourable, then the Union will decide to take such steps as may be necessary to make their protest unmistakable.

#### Be Prepared for Action!

The need therefore to have the names of all women prepared to take action on Tuesday next, if necessary, is as important as ever; and a special appeal is made to members to come forward. The rule of the W.S.P.U. is always to be prepared for the worst and to act with such numbers and such enthusiasm that every apparent defeat is turned into triumph. Names should be sent in to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence or to Miss Christabel Pankhurst at 4, Clements Inn.

#### Oppose the Bill at Once!

We have noticed a suggestion being put forward in certain quarters that Suffragist M.P.'s should support a Woman Suffrage amendment in the Committee stage of the Government's Bill, and, if it is not carried, should vote against the third reading of the Bill. We dissent entirely from that point of view. The right time to vote against the Bill is not on its third reading, but at once, and if a sufficient number of friends of Woman Suffrage in the House indicate clearly to the Government that such is their attitude, then the Bill will be

withdrawn altogether, and a genuine Bill conferring equal franchise rights on men and women substituted for it.

#### Plain Words from Mr. Philip Snowden.

Strong opposition to the Bill has already manifested itself in the ranks of Labour. Thus Mr. Philip Snowden expresses, in the current issue of the *Christian Commonwealth*, his total disapproval of the Government tactics, and his intention to vote against a Franchise Bill which does not include women on equal terms. He says:—

The Government have no mandate for a Manhood Suffrage Bill. They have a mandate for electoral reform. But that mandate includes the extension of the franchise to women; and any attempt to reform our electoral system and to give more votes to men without extending the franchise to women would be a gross betrayal of a public trust and a shameful and scandalous outrage on women.

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The fate of the women must not be left to a scratch vote on a Committee amendment moved by a private member. The Government will make Manhood Suffrage a party question, and will demand the support of all their followers for the measure. They must do the same for the women. The Bill, when introduced, must be an Adult Suffrage Bill, and the Government must accept the same responsibility for the granting of the vote to women as they will do for the extension of the franchise to all men. Unless this is done there is no chance at all of the women getting enfranchisement under this Government Bill. The Bill will pass as a Manhood Suffrage Bill, and the women will have been fooled again, and their hopes of success postponed for another generation.

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The duty of every honest friend of the women is perfectly clear. No real friend of theirs will have anything to do with a measure which insults women by leaving them outside.

A longer extract will be found on page 99.

#### Mr. George Lansbury, M.P.

Mr. George Lansbury has been equally emphatic. Speaking at Stockport, he said that Mr. Asquith's announcement should unite them "in telling the Government and the leaders of every party that any party or section of men that consents to the introduction of a Bill of this kind will be consenting to the vilest insult that can be put upon the whole of the women's movement." On another occasion he said that the only condition on which they would support the Manhood Suffrage Bill was that it should include Womanhood Suffrage at the same time.

#### The Attitude of the I.L.P.

Mr. W. C. Anderson, chairman of the Independent Labour Party, speaking at Cardiff last Sunday, made this significant pronouncement:—

I want to say that so far as the I.L.P. movement is concerned we are opposed to any further extension of the franchise, if they are not going to include women equally with men.

He added that the Labour and Socialist forces of this country were not going to wait, as Mr. Asquith wanted them to wait, until the Government had brought in their Manhood Suffrage Bill, so that they could bring in amendments. They (the Labour Party) did not wish to wait and bring in amendments, for there was a great chance of amendments being beaten, and of women being left out in the cold.

#### The Position of the W.S.P.U.

We desire here to emphasise again the position of the W.S.P.U. The Union is not an adult suffrage body. On the question of the right or wrong of an extension of the franchise laws—except as to the removal of the barrier of sex—it expresses no opinion. It is out for equality between men and women. If men are to have the franchise on a limited basis, as they have at present, it asks that women shall have the franchise on the same limited basis. (It accepted the Conciliation Bill because it only differed to a trifling extent from this equality.) But if men are to have the franchise on an unlimited basis, then it will accept nothing less than an unlimited basis for the enfranchisement of women.

#### The Value of an M.P.'s Promise.

If Mr. Neilson, M.P., is correctly reported in the *Manchester Guardian*, he has given an astounding proof of the worthlessness of any form of words to bind false friends. Mr. Neilson before election had promised that he would "oppose any extension of the franchise to men which did not also include women." At a recent meeting he was asked by Miss Margaret Robertson whether, if the amendments for including women were defeated in Committee, he would vote against the Government's Bill for Manhood Suffrage, and he replied in the negative. "He had never understood in the word 'oppose' that he should vote against the Adult Suffrage Bill" (i.e., even if "adult" meant "manhood"). If "oppose" does not include "voting against," what does it mean?

#### The New Unionist Leader.

By the retirement of Mr. Balfour, Woman Suffragists lost from the leadership of the Unionist Party a supporter of their cause, but by the election of Mr. Bonar Law they have secured another supporter in his place. At the time of his election in Bootle, Mr. Bonar Law told a deputation of Women Suffragists that in "logic and justice he believed that women ought to have the vote." He said that he would certainly oppose any further extension of the franchise for men that did not include the extension of the franchise to women. Mr. Bonar Law paired in favour of the Conciliation Bill.

#### A CALL TO ARMS!

Tuesday, November 21.

On Tuesday next, at 7.30 p.m., Caxton Hall will be crowded with women who will assemble for the purpose of resolving upon such action, whether militant or otherwise, as the Prime Minister's statement of to-day may render necessary. It will be an historic gathering, perhaps the most important since the movement began. It is most important that all those who are prepared to take action if action be required should write without delay to Clements Inn.

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## LABOUR OPPOSITION TO MANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

### MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P.

In the *Christian Commonwealth* for November 15 Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., writes as follows:—

"While agreeing to accept the Conciliation Bill as an illogical addition to the score of existing illogical franchises under which men may now vote, the women never abandoned their claim to be placed in the same position as the men. Now that the Government are going to sweep away all existing male franchises, and establish one simple qualification, namely, 'citizenship, full age, and competent understanding,' the women cannot, consistently with their self-respect, accept anything less than is being offered to the men who have never asked for an extension of the franchise.

#### Whence the Mandate?

"The Government's Bill is to give Manhood Suffrage. It would be interesting to know where the Prime Minister has got his mandate for a Manhood Suffrage Bill. No organisation exists to advance Manhood Suffrage; no Labour, Co-operative, Socialist, or other organisation has ever put forward a demand for a Manhood Suffrage Bill. Since the extension of the franchise to the counties, there has been no political agitation in the country whatever, except for the enfranchisement of women. It is the agitation of the women that has induced the Government to bring forward this Manhood Suffrage Bill. The women have been agitating, sacrificing, starving, going to prison for the Vote, and the Government's answer to them is the offer of more Votes for Men. Ever since I have known the Woman Suffrage movement the experienced women have said that the most likely outcome of their agitation would be a measure of Manhood Suffrage. And the latest development makes that probability extremely likely.

#### The Woman's Case.

"The Government have no mandate for a Manhood Suffrage Bill. They have a mandate for electoral reform. But that mandate includes the extension of the franchise to women; and any attempt to reform our electoral system and to give more votes to men without extending the franchise to women would be a gross betrayal of a public trust and a shameful and scandalous outrage on women. The Prime Minister gives as a reason for not including the women in his Reform Bill that he himself is opposed to their enfranchisement. But who is he or what is he that he should set his own ignorance or his own prejudice against the majority of the House of Commons and against the majority of his own colleagues in the Government? Whatever he may be in fact, the Prime Minister of England is not a despotic autocrat in the constitution of this country. He is the servant, not the master, of Parliament. It is the business of himself and his Ministers to do as they are told, to carry out the instructions they receive from the country and the House of Commons. For forty years there has been a majority of members in the House of Commons pledged to their constituents to vote for a measure which would give votes to women on the same terms as men. Several times since this Government came into office the House of Commons has reaffirmed that principle by majorities larger than have been given for any other question. Surely, in these facts is a sufficient mandate for the Government to include women in the Bill they intend to introduce next year.

#### An Unsatisfactory Promise.

"The Prime Minister will leave the House of Commons free to vote upon an amendment to extend the Bill to women. But that is not good enough. The fate of the women must not be left to a scratch vote on a committee amendment moved by a private member. The Government will make Manhood Suffrage a party question, and will demand the support of all their followers for the measure. They must do the same for the women. The Bill, when introduced, must be an Adult Suffrage Bill, and the Government must accept the same responsibility for the granting of the vote to women as they will do for the extension of the franchise to all men. Unless this is done there is no chance at all of the women getting enfranchisement under this Government Bill. The Bill will pass as a Manhood Suffrage Bill, and the women will have been fooled again, and their hopes of success postponed for another generation.

#### The Testing of the Radicals.

"A number of Radicals and Labour men have opposed the granting of votes to women on a limited scale because they would have nothing short of adult suffrage. What are they going to do now? Are they going to vote for a Bill which excludes women and gives more votes to men? If they vote for a Manhood Suffrage Bill, they will justify the suspicions some people have harboured, that their professed zeal for a full measure of adult suffrage was only a cloak to hide their hostility to the enfranchisement of women. If these people really do want to see a measure of full enfranchisement, they will tell the Government straight that they will oppose any measure that does not include women. The People's Suffrage League might emerge from its seclusion and do a little agitation for a people's suffrage. If they want votes for women, now is their opportunity. The duty of every honest friend of the women is perfectly clear. No real friend of theirs will have anything to do with a measure which insults women by leaving them outside."

### MR. GEORGE LANSBURY, M.P.

Speaking at the Labour Church, Stockport, last Sunday evening, Mr. Lansbury said:—

"With reference to the statement of Mr. Asquith that it is the intention of the Government next year to bring in a Bill for Manhood Suffrage, I do not know what other Socialists are thinking about it, but it is a statement that ought to unite all Democrats who are Socialists into one camp, and make every one demand, not that a Manhood Suffrage Bill should be brought forward, but that an Adult Suffrage Bill should be produced, giving to every woman as well as to every man in the community the vote and the right to use that vote whenever elections come along. (Applause.) We should remember the heroic fight that has been put up by women, against false friends, against treacherous friends, and against open enemies of the kind like Mr. Asquith, who is being driven to all sorts of straits to get out of the difficulty in which he will find himself next year in regard to this question; and to tell us at this time of day, after the years of agitation and imprisonment—not merely have women gone to prison, but many of them have sacrificed life and health and all that life means to them, to fight for this piece of justice—and to tell us to-day that the Government is now going to insult women by bringing in a Manhood Suffrage Bill should cause us to unite in telling the Government and the leaders of every party that any party or section of men that consents to the introduction of a Bill of this kind will be consenting to the vilest insult that can be put upon the whole of the women's movement. (Applause.)"

At a meeting of the Church Socialist League, on Friday in last week, the Rev. D. J. Symon in the chair, Mr. Lansbury in the course of his speech said:—

The Government insults every woman in the country by saying that next year it proposes to bring in a Bill for Manhood Suffrage, and, if you please, we may try to amend that Bill by bringing in a motion for women to be included. I am having no more truck with any Conciliation Bill or any small measure with regard to women, but I am going to say to the Government: We don't want a Manhood Suffrage Bill, but we do want an Adult Suffrage Bill pure and simple. It is open to everyone who did not believe in the fine ladies' franchise to say that if the franchise is going to be altered, include women as well as men, and on the same terms as men.

We have always said that we want women to have the vote on the same terms as it is given to men, and if we are to have Manhood Suffrage then we want Womanhood Suffrage as well.

It really means this, that we may get Manhood Suffrage and you may then get the Conciliation Bill as a kind of supplement to it. I do not think we ought to allow that to be done at all. We do not want to set up a property qualification for women. We want them to have the vote simply because they are human beings. Now if we had principle in politics there would not be any beating around in this way by either this Government or any other Government. A Government that could not make up its mind on the franchise or Adult Suffrage ought not to be touching the question at all.

### MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD, M.P.

In an interview with a *Manchester Guardian* representative Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said:—"We shall take care that the Manhood Suffrage Bill is not used to destroy the success of the women's agitation, because we have to admit that it has been the women's agitation that has brought the question of the franchise both for men and women to the front at the present time. The Labour Party will, therefore, support, both on the platform and in the House of Commons, the demand for adult suffrage, and will, at every stage of the Government's Bill, vote for amendments to include women in its scope."

Speaking at Swindon, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that Labour members would not allow a measure of extended franchise to men to defeat the proposals for Womanhood Suffrage.

### MR. W. C. ANDERSON.

Mr. W. C. Anderson, Chairman of the Independent Labour Party, and Labour candidate in the recent by-election at Keighley, at a meeting in Cardiff last Sunday said:—

"I hope that the forces that stand for real democracy in the country are not going to be satisfied, but are going to oppose the idea of the Government being allowed to bring in a Manhood Suffrage Bill. (Hear, hear.) I think that it is wrong, and I think that it is specially wrong from the standpoint of the women, who have been fighting a very brave battle for the equality of the sexes. (Hear, hear.) Let me tell you at once that so far as the I.L.P. is concerned we stand for a definite principle, and that principle is this: That every man should have a vote because he is a man, and that every woman should have a vote because she is a woman, without property qualification and without university degree. (Hear, hear.) When some men say, as they do, that they don't quite like that because they don't think the women are quite ready for the work, and because they don't think the women would make a good job of the vote (though I am sure they would not make a very much worse job of it than the men have done), I want to say this: You are asked by the other party to talk about a great Empire upon which the sun never sets—a man's problem. But what about the

wages that never rise? (Hear, hear.) That is a woman's problem. (Hear, hear.) The questions of unemployment, of under-fed child life, and of housing conditions, are not questions for the man alone, but for the woman equally, and the man's point of view is not always the woman's point of view. You know that—and I know that (hear, hear), and what I feel about it is this: that very often the truth lies in the mean between the man's point of view and the woman's point of view, and unless you get them put side by side—in politics, as elsewhere—you are going to have one-sided politics. You must have the man's and woman's point of view both represented in the councils of the nation, or else your Parliament, time and again, is going to arrive at conclusions that are one-sided, unjust and unfair. I want to say that so far as the I.L.P. movement is concerned we are opposed to any further extensions of the franchise if they are not going to include the women equally with the men. (Hear, hear.) We stand for that principle, and I hope that the Labour and Socialist forces of this country are not going to wait, as Mr. Asquith wants them to wait, until the Government have brought in their Manhood Suffrage Bill, so that we can bring in amendments. We don't wish to wait and bring in amendments, for there is a great chance of amendments being beaten, and of women being left out in the cold. And even if the amendments are carried in the House of Commons, the Lords might say that those amendments were not included in the Government Bill, and might strike them out, which would mean that the whole thing would be delayed for two years. What we ought to do is to insist and bring every pressure to bear upon the Government to bring in, not a Manhood Suffrage Bill, but a genuine Adult Suffrage Bill, to enfranchise all the men and women of the country, and establish them as citizens on an equal basis. (Hear, hear.) When that is done there is going to be a great movement forward on the part of democratic progress. Some of you think that it is going to be a leap in the dark. It has happened in Australia and New Zealand; adult men and women vote there, and no good cause has been held back because of that. (Hear, hear.) Every good cause, including the cause of social reform, of land reform, of temperance reform, of a higher standard of purity in public life, have been pressed forward because adult men and women are regarded there as citizens with the right to voice their claims as a class and as individuals. All men and all women are subject to the law. All men and all women are sent to prison if they break the law. Therefore, all men and all women ought to have a claim in seeing that laws are just and fair from the standpoint of every adult irrespective of sex. (Applause.)"

### A PRESS VIEW.

#### THE LABOUR LEADER.

In the announcement of the Prime Minister that a Bill for Manhood Suffrage will be introduced next session we have another illustration of the Government's half-hearted measures, and of its method of dealing with questions which it considers inconvenient. A Bill for the complete enfranchisement of men only is a gross affront and injustice to women. As for the framing of the Bill so as to provide scope for an amendment to include women—the Government, of course, could hardly do otherwise. It is merely something for which the Government are entitled to no thanks, for the exclusion of the women from the Bill is sufficient to show that the Government has no desire to enfranchise them, and this fact alone is bound to weigh with Mr. Asquith's supporters. The scheme, in fact, so far as women's suffrage is concerned, is a mockery. However, it should be noted that the Government has given a promise that the Conciliation Bill should have a chance next year, and it must be held to its pledge.

### MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S HENCHMAN.

At a meeting of Young Liberals, at the City Liberal Club on Friday, Mr. Masterman invited the meeting to send to Mr. Asquith an expression of their appreciation of the promise of Manhood Suffrage.

### THE CONCILIATION BILL.

A largely attended meeting of the Conciliation Committee was held at the House of Commons on Thursday in last week, under Lord Lytton's presidency. The meeting was attended by members from every section of the House, and the Prime Minister's announcement of a forthcoming manhood suffrage measure was fully discussed in all its aspects, with the result that the following resolution was finally agreed upon:—

That this Committee, having taken note of the Prime Minister's renewed undertaking to give facilities for the Conciliation Bill next year, pledges itself to proceed with the Bill.

In the House of Commons on Monday last Mr. Harold Smith asked the Prime Minister whether he proposed to give a week or more Parliamentary time next session, as promised, for the discussion of the Conciliation Bill, in addition to the time available for the discussion of Female Suffrage which will be furnished by amendments adding the enfranchisement of women to the terms of the Manhood Suffrage Bill.

Mr. Asquith: The promise made with regard to the Conciliation Bill will, of course, hold good unless its promoters waive its performance.

### MR. HENRY NEVINSON.

In the course of a letter to the *Manchester Guardian*, Mr. H. W. Nevins says:—

"For forty years there has been a strong movement for women's enfranchisement. For six years past that cause has been fought with a devotion, a self-sacrifice, and a rapid increase of adherents such as, I believe, our history has not known for any political cause since the great Reform Bill or perhaps not since the Civil War. Thousands of great meetings have been held all over the kingdom. Demonstrations seldom, if ever, equalled have passed in procession through London or assembled in Hyde Park. Powerful leagues, unions, and societies, both of women and of men, of every political opinion, of every form of religion, and almost of every profession have been formed for this one purpose alone. Differences have been sunk. With entire unselfishness all societies and unions have worked for one definite purpose. Whether the women in the movement would themselves gain enfranchisement has made no difference to them. They have united for the single cause of womanhood, equally regardless of personal or party interest. Almost without exception, the wisest and most famous women in the country stand together, side by side with millhands, shopgirls, chainmakers, and the women of every trade and profession that women can enter. Many have suffered almost the worst that women could suffer. They have exposed themselves to insult and mockery, to the brutality of mobs and the rudeness of authorities. They have suffered poverty, ruin, ill-health, crippled limbs, and permanent disablement. Many have suffered prison. Some have died. I do not know what demand for freedom has ever been made with greater courage, devotion, and unanimity.

"And the answer of our Government—a Liberal Government—to the women's demand thus expressed is a promise of Manhood Suffrage. What kind of demand has there been for that? Where are the thousands of meetings, the processions five miles long, the great societies devoted to that cause? Who has sacrificed himself? Who has endured a finger ache? From end to end of the country hardly a whisper has been heard. Can we wonder that women who for years have toiled and suffered for freedom should be filled with embittered indignation at the Government's reply?"

### PRESS COMMENTS.

#### THE SATURDAY REVIEW.

With absolutely no demand, no ghost of a demand, for more votes for men, and with—beyond all cavil—a very strong demand for votes for women, the Government announce their Manhood Suffrage Bill and carefully evade the other question! For a naked, avowed plan of pure gerrymandering, no Government surely ever did beat this one. Can they lay claim in the States for a better record in party cheating than this?

### THE GLOBE.

(Leading Article on the Insurance Bill.)

Neither Mary Ann nor her mistress have got a vote, and therefore Mr. George finds himself free to disregard any inconvenience or distress to which they may be put. But if only they knew it they have, for all that, the power in their own hands to smash, more effectively than could any Second Chamber, this unjust attack upon their liberties. We are in hopes they may awake to the fact. Under Clause 86 of this preposterous measure [the Insurance Bill] a Government inspector may enter into any house, at any "reasonable" time—say, when the cook is just dishing up—and demand to have the members of the household paraded before him, their cards examined, and themselves catechised as to how, when, and by whom the stamps have been affixed. Fines await any who impede him in his sacred duty; as also any who neglect to keep their cards stamped up to date. Incidentally, it is the most powerful argument for Women's Suffrage we have ever come across, for now at last the women in general, not one here and there, are going to be made to understand what Socialistic legislation means. But they need not wait for the vote—which Mr. George will not give them if he can possibly help it—in order to teach the Government that an English-woman still has some rights in her home. It has long ceased to be her husband's castle, but we shall be astonished if she does not make the authorities understand that it is still her own domain. The women of England have nothing to do but to decline to spend their time in sticking stamps on cards to please Mr. George, to refuse flatly to collect his taxes, and the Bill will expire in a tempest of ridicule. You cannot send the soldiers, at any rate in battalions, to coerce the cook, and the magistrates will soon get tired of fining their own wives for refusing to do what no one has a right to order them. If the women stand together this part of the Bill cannot be enforced. They have every justification for rebellion, for a more glaring case of taxation without representation was never heard of, and the destruction of the Constitution has removed the last vestige of legality for acts of oppression.

The fiery cross is being prepared, and we shall now have added to the general unrest a further cause of worry in the shape of militant operations against the Government.

—*Evening Times.*

There were several suffragist interruptions to Mr. Herbert Samuel's speech at the Colston Hall, Bristol, on Monday last.

The weekly meeting of the Dawn of Freedom Branch of the United Irish League, Belfast, on Thursday in last week took the form of a debate on "Adult Suffrage." Much interest was aroused.



## LITTLE WHITE SLAVES.

By K. Douglas Smith.

From time to time, from various sources, an outcry is made against the declining birth-rate and the great mortality amongst infants, and women are generally held responsible for both these conditions. It is well, therefore, to review facts, and look truth in the face. It is after all a man's world; let us see it as touching the question of the future generation. By me lie two books, "Menschen die den Pfad Verloren" ("People who have Lost the Path") and "Kleine Weisse Sklaven" ("Little White Slaves"), written by Sister Henriette Arendt, formerly police assistant at Stuttgart. The second of these two books, just published in Berlin, has, in consequence of its revelations, caused an outburst of indignation. Let us see for a moment what this White Slave Traffic really is, and then pass on to its most terrible side, the buying and selling of children for immoral purposes.

Owing to the heroic efforts of Josephine Butler, we, at least in this country, are free of the C. D. Acts, but it is well to remember that in some of our dominions and in many civilised European countries they are still in full force. Sister Arendt describes to us the awful lives led by women in Germany, registered under this system. They become positively the slaves of the police. Relegated to certain quarters of the town, they may not open the windows in the houses in which they live without police permission, they may not drive in open carriages, and may not go out till after 6 p.m. The writer of this article can testify from personal knowledge that these statements are true. "But these women are a danger to society, and must be kept in check," many are tempted to exclaim. So far so good, but as they are not alone in their sin, what about the co-partner, also a danger to society? Is he kept in check? Not a bit of it. He not only goes scot-free, unregistered, unsupervised, but, in the case of a woman not yet on the register, the man's guilty knowledge is frequently made use of by the police in order to track down some unfortunate woman. Here are Sister Arendt's own words:—

Only the woman is caught and punished, the man, the sinner, often the seducer, gets off free: indeed the police often offer him thanks when in a dishonourable manner he denounces to them the girl with whom he has been, and tells how much he has paid her.

So much for that dark side, but there is yet a darker drawn in the book entitled "Little White Slaves." The revelations may well make women pause and consider if they dare be mothers when such is the lot of many who are born into this world. It is unfortunately only too well known that many thousands of young women are annually sold into a life of slavery, enticed away from every country in the world. Is it equally well known that children of tender years, seven years and upwards, are also in very large numbers recruited into this forlorn army? But such is a melancholy fact. Something of this was made public knowledge by Mr. W. Stead's courageous *Pall Mall Gazette* exposures in 1885, from which much good resulted. The evil still continues, however, in this and other countries. A great many examples with full details are given by Sister Arendt, a few of which will suffice for the scope of this article. Many houses of ill-fame have within their walls little girls of four years of age, who, if not there at the moment for strictly immoral purposes, are to be trained to such a life. The Chinese, away from their own country, are supposed to be particularly sinning in this respect, and facts recently brought to light amongst the Chinese population in New York, San Francisco, and Liverpool, have revealed a truly appalling state of affairs. Buenos Ayres may be called the Eldorado of this odious traffic, and recently when an attack was made on a house of ill-fame situated in these regions, eighteen little girls were released, the eldest of whom was only fourteen years of age! Amongst many heart-rending and terrible accounts, the following is one of the worst:—A child of only eight years of age was sold for the sum of one rouble sixty kopecks (about 6s. 1d.), and abused by fourteen Turkish soldiers.

One may be tempted to think that it is only the children of the morally unfit who fall into the hands of these human beasts of prey, and illegitimate children do form a large proportion, but not necessarily the illegitimates of the poorer classes, as those of the upper classes have more frequently a well-bred and attractive appearance, and therefore command a high price. Great effort is made to secure this type of child.

In summing up her evidence and making suggestions for reform, the author of this book has written the following passage:—

So long as women exercise so little or practically no influence on legislation, we must do our best by private effort. The time is coming, however, and it is to be hoped is not far off, when women, through the ballot, will have the possibility given them so to arrange affairs that the State will take proper care of the poor and helpless. . . . It will then be the duty of women to bring about new laws, not only influenced by intellect, but also by feeling and understanding, and then only will children be, in the true sense of the word, children of the Fatherland.

These words will surely find echo in the heart of every understanding man and woman.

We hear so much about chivalry, male protection, the respect which is paid to women, and the wonderful pedestals on which they stand. Let us have done with

this cant and hypocrisy. Chivalry, forsooth, with these facts staring us in the face! We admit that women have erred in the past, and do err still, but it is an undeniable fact that the laws of European countries are not of women's making, and they have had no share in the framing of them. It is a man's world, and he permits these things to exist, nay, even to flourish, by want of severity and serious concentration on the plague spots, and by trying to get the maximum amount of indulgence with the minimum amount of penalty, throwing the burden entirely on to the woman's shoulders. Finally, it must never be forgotten that the cause of this traffic existing at all is that the demand creates the supply, and that it is a man's demand. And yet they dare to preach to women on their duties as mothers, their duty to the race, and that their highest destiny is maternity!

Indeed women have a mighty work to do. Is it then to be wondered at that some women have felt there was nothing they could not do to free their hands from their political shackles—no pain too great to suffer, no penalty too high to pay—whilst so great an issue was at stake?

Man's government has singularly failed in effectively protecting the bodies and souls of its infant life; it remains to be seen if man and woman's government together cannot do better. From this we suffragists hope great things, in this hope and faith we go forward. Especially at a time like the present, it is facts of this kind that are so great an incentive to women to offer themselves for militant work, and to encourage those who have already done a share of it.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An important announcement relating to next Tuesday will be found on page 98.

The speakers at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus W., on Monday next, November 20, at 3.15 p.m., will be Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B. On Thursday, November 23, at 8 o'clock, Miss Pankhurst, Mrs. Drummond, and Miss Leonora Tyson will address the meeting at the Steinway Hall. These meetings are held weekly, and similar meetings are held in all centres where the W.S.P.U. is represented. See pages 107 et seq.

### Christmas Fete and Fair.

The Hon. Lady Johnston will open the Christmas Fair and Fête at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, W., on Monday, December 4, at 2.30 p.m. Admission 1s. The Lady Sybil Smith will be in the chair. The names of those who will open the Fair on the following days will be announced later.

### Caxton Hall, November 21.

Whatever the answer given by the Prime Minister to the deputation which waits on him to-day, a meeting will be held in the Caxton Hall on Tuesday, November 21, at 7.30 p.m. Doors open at 7. As a large number of seats in the body of the Hall are being reserved for those who are prepared, if necessary, to take an active form of protest, it has been decided at present to open the gallery solely to the general public. Tickets, price 1s. each, for women only, can be obtained from Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clement's Inn, W.C.

### The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

Don't forget when buying Christmas cards and calendars to get them from the Woman's Press. The new W.S.P.U. Christmas cards may now be had, price 3d. and 1d. A Keats' calendar for 1912, price 1s., a second calendar, compiled by Mrs. Tuke from the quotations kindly sent by members, price 1s., and an almanac, price 2d., are also on sale.

### THE FIERY CROSS.

"Cry Havoc! And let slip the Dogs of War!"  
—Julius Caesar.

#### 1. To our Leaders.

"Let slip the Dogs of War!"  
Our Leaders! You we hail!  
We listened for the word,  
We waited hand-on sword—  
Ready we are!

#### 2. To the Pioneers.

"Let slip the Dogs of War!"  
You who have fought—and died,  
You who have led the way,  
Strengthen our hands to-day—  
With us you are!

#### 3. To One who Hesitates.

"Let slip the Dogs of War!"  
You yet may win your spurs,  
You yet may reach the goal,  
Be not a coward soul—  
Comrades we are!

#### 4. To All the Militants.

"Let slip the Dogs of War!"  
Come from the South and West,  
Come from the East and North,  
March your Battalions forth—  
Soldiers we are!

#### 5. To Mr. Lloyd George.

"Let slip the Dogs of War!"  
You who would trick us, say,  
You who have roused us now,  
How will you stop us, how?  
Thou shalt we are!

G. VAUGHAN.

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## THE CALL TO ARMS.

Like troops mustering in response to a call to arms the members of the W.S.P.U. rallied to the Steinway Hall on Thursday in last week to hear the explanation of the latest political move. The Prime Minister's pronouncement of a Manhood Suffrage Bill next session was an insult—an insult these women could not stand, and as one looked at the earnest faces in the audience, and noted with what contempt they treated this move on the part of the Government, and heard the undertone of grim determination in the applause that greeted the announcement of a Deputation, one could almost have laughed at the mistaken ideas of those who thought by trickery to kill the spirit of the militant movement. Did the Government really think that the women who, during the past five years, have shown that they were ready to face ridicule, insult, and imprisonment, with all its attendant horrors, were likely to be taken in now? Did they think that because these women kept their truce loyally for a twelvemonth that their militant spirit was dead? If they did it would have been well for them to have been at this meeting—to have seen the enthusiasm evoked. They would have been forced to realise then that this spirit is alive, and can never more be killed. The atmosphere was charged with revolt!

Miss Christabel Pankhurst, who was accompanied by Lady Constance Lytton, showed in the course of her speech that the assumption that Mr. Lloyd George was not a friend to the woman's cause, but was, indeed, an anti of the deepest dye, was based on his suffrage career in Parliament. His record, as facts showed, was a black one, and one that proved to the audience, if proof were needed, that he did not want to give the vote to women. Miss Pankhurst declared that the Government must abandon the Manhood Suffrage Bill, and bring in another Bill, giving equal voting facilities to women with men. Her declaration was received with cheers. As to pinning their faith to an amendment moved by a private member, Miss Pankhurst, and the audience with her, scorned the idea. Mr. Lloyd George knew better than to trust his Insurance Bill to a private member's amendment, and the women knew better than to trust their cause to that broken reed. [No! Mr. Lloyd George, the women see through you, and the time for compromise is over. It is war now!] Miss Pankhurst concluded with an appeal for volunteers for the deputation.

Lady Constance Lytton then briefly spoke of the Hitchin by-election, and made a special appeal for volunteers for militant action. She reminded her audience that if they only came forward as they had always done, others would follow.

So large a number of people were turned away from the Steinway Hall that it was decided to hold an overflow meeting in the Portman Rooms, and about 300 people adjourned there. Miss Cameron presided, and in a few words introduced Mr. Pethick Lawrence, who spoke on the political situation, and traced the events which had led up to the promise-made by Mr. Asquith for facilities during 1912 for the Conciliation Bill. The present statement on Manhood Suffrage, inspired by Mr. Lloyd George, was a breach of the spirit of this promise, and such treachery could only be met by action. Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Gwen Richards also addressed the meeting.

## READY FOR BATTLE.

Again on Monday afternoon the London Pavilion presented, from pit to gallery, a sea of eager, expectant faces. Men were there as well as women, and although there were many who are well known in the movement, there were others who had evidently come for the first time. War was in everyone's mind, and the response to Miss Christabel Pankhurst's fighting speech showed that the women's army has during all these months of truce been keeping its powder dry. In the crisis which has arisen no one, least of all those in the fighting ranks, can lose sight of the devotion of the members of the Conciliation Committee, in the House of Commons and outside, in furthering the cause of peace. But peace on terms of compromise has become impossible. In scathing terms Miss Pankhurst denounced the enemy of the woman's cause, Mr. Lloyd George. The women, she said, are immune from that disease which seems to afflict so many men, "Lloyd Georgeitis." Women are not, and never have been, deceived by him, and by a ruthless exposure of his Suffrage record Miss Pankhurst proved up to the hilt his hypocrisy in posing as a friend of the women's cause. She showed that under a Manhood Suffrage Bill a state of slavery was being prepared for women as intolerable as human beings had ever suffered in the past. They were determined that if there were to be votes for all men there must be votes for all women. No matter what promises were made, what hopes held out, the only thing the women would accept was the Government's undertaking to abandon the Manhood Suffrage Bill and to introduce a Bill giving equal voting rights to men and women. "Now, if ever," said Miss Pankhurst, "the time has come for deeds, not words." Women must revolt, and must shame the Government by showing what sacrifices they were capable of. There was only one way now, and that way they were resolutely determined to take, no matter what friend or foe might have to say—the Manhood Suffrage Bill must be killed. The way would

begin with the deputation on November 21, which would be led by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. As leader of that deputation Mrs. Lawrence had sent to the meeting the following message:—

"Remember that Garibaldi, with a thousand soldiers, freed Sicily and Italy from foreign dominion, and if we have an army of 1,000 on the 21st we can free our countrywomen and wipe away for ever the menace of male domination over the women of this country."

The deputation would, it was anticipated, be a thousand strong, and it would seek not only Mr. Asquith, but also Mr. Lloyd George, who had inspired the Manhood Suffrage Bill. The public would be asked to come and see that the deputation got that fair play which was so conspicuously wanting last November. Amid great enthusiasm Miss Pankhurst called for more names (hundreds had already been sent in), and in the space of a few moments fifty-two promises were handed up. Among the volunteers, said Miss Pankhurst, were two women whose bravery must indeed put to shame the hesitation of those younger and stronger. Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy, if able to travel, had written her intention of taking part, and Mrs. Saul Solomon was now undergoing treatment on purpose to strengthen herself for the ordeal.

Miss Evelyn Sharp said that no one would deny that an immense danger threatened the progress of the woman's movement. The deputation would be a sign of the tremendous indignation that every woman in the country must feel at the insult to women contained in the Prime Minister's announcement of a Manhood Suffrage Bill. "It is for that reason," she said, "that I am going on this deputation, and I hope that every woman here who possibly can is going too. I know all the things people say to prevent your going. They will tell you you cannot go because you are too much missed in your home; you are too much wanted outside Holloway Gaol. You would not be worth very much if you were not wanted, wherever your circle of activities and energies happen to be! It is because of that that you ought to be on this deputation. It is not idle women, but thinking women who should be there. No human being has a right to regard himself as indispensable in one sphere of activity when a higher duty comes along that claims him. I am sure you will agree with me that when that person is a daughter, and she suddenly suggests going away to be married, there is no talk then about her being indispensable in the home! You are going to do as big a thing as being married in joining in this fight for all women. People will say you should not wear yourself out; it is very much better and finer to wear yourself out in a great cause than to save yourselves for little causes that don't matter. I think that every woman who feels like that should go with us on that deputation on Tuesday."

Mr. Pethick Lawrence said that the fight the women were making was not merely a fight to win equality for individual women in this country; it was also a fight for the triumph of an idea—the idea of the equality of men and women throughout the world. When the history of this time came to be written, the courage and heroism of the women now engaged in this battle would be heartened and uplifted the spirits of those who in the future would have to war against the principle that might was right.

## SOCIALIST RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Socialist League, on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. Conrad Noel in the Chair, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Lansbury, M.P., and passed unanimously:—

"The Executive strongly protests against the ignoring of the electoral rights of women by the present Government proposals for Franchise Reform, and calls upon our branches to use every endeavour to make this protest effectual and to transform Manhood into Adult Suffrage."

The following Resolution has been passed unanimously by the Birmingham Labour Church:—

"That this meeting views with indignation the Government's proposal to introduce a Manhood Bill in place of a measure giving Adult Suffrage, and calls upon the Labour Members in the House of Commons to vote against such a Bill at every stage if it is introduced."

A similar resolution was passed at the I.L.P. Midland Conference on Saturday last.

## MR. BIRRELL ON HOME RULE.

The local *Evening Times* and *Echo*, in its issue of November 13, has an interesting theory as to the postponed visit to Bristol of Mr. Birrell. It is suspected, thinks the *Echo*, that the cause of Mr. Birrell's absence from the Anchor Dinner was a letter sent by Miss Annie Kenney and Miss Edith Whelwright, in which Mr. Birrell was invited to meet the women and to discuss the question of the inclusion of women in the Home Rule Bill for Ireland. The letter pointed out that owing to the new situation which had arisen during the previous two days with respect to the proposed Government measure of Manhood Suffrage, which had aroused all sections of Suffragists, it was felt that the interview was all the more essential, in order that the whole situation might be discussed. The writers offered, if an interview in Bristol proved to be impossible, to wait upon Mr. Birrell in London. In reply they were informed that the Chief Secretary's visit to Bristol was postponed; that Mr. Birrell was not in a position to make any statement as to the Home Rule Bill, and that he was quite aware of the Woman's Suffrage Societies' view on the subject.

## MRS. LAWRENCE AT CIRENCESTER.

On Thursday in last week Mrs. Pethick Lawrence addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting in the Bingham Hall, Cirencester. The Earl of Lytton, who had also been announced to speak, sent the following letter, which was read by Miss Flatman (W.S.P.U. organiser):—

"Dear Miss Flatman,—I cannot tell you how deeply I regret having to fail you at the last moment, but the announcement by the Government in this morning's paper that they intend to introduce a Manhood Suffrage Bill next session has created a situation of the utmost gravity for all those who are fighting for the cause of woman's enfranchisement. This announcement endangers the whole Conciliation movement and will produce an irreconcilable war between Women Suffragists and the Government, as well as between political parties. A meeting of the Conciliation Committee has been called for to-morrow afternoon, and I must go to London to attend it. Though I am unable to be present at your meeting, I shall be serving your cause elsewhere. Any extension of the franchise to men whilst women are without votes must be prevented at whatever cost and by whatever means. This declaration reveals the Government as avowed enemies of our cause and involves a reconsideration of our whole position. I feel sure that in these circumstances you will forgive me for the inconvenience and disappointment which I am compelled to cause you, and you will believe that it is only in the interests of a greater necessity that I cannot be with you to-morrow."

## The Resolution.

Miss Flatman then moved the following resolution:—

"This meeting strongly protests against the deliberate outrage offered to the womanhood of the country by the Government's announcement that a Bill to give votes to all men to the exclusion of all women will be introduced next session. It repudiates the suggestion that it shall be left to individuals in the House of Commons to move an amendment admitting women, and regards this suggestion as a further insult to the intelligence of women. This meeting further declares its determination to resist by every means in its power the attempt on the part of the Government to inflict this further indignity upon the women of this nation."

## Mrs. Lawrence's Speech.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who was cheered on rising, said they were not met to discuss a mere academic question. Votes for Women had become a question of urgent practical politics. It was at the present time a dominating question, and it seemed that it was not only engaging the thoughts of the men and women of the country, but the actions of the members of the present Government. The Prime Minister's bombshell, Mr. Asquith's bolt from the blue, had caused consternation and surprise in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister had suddenly, *apropos* of nothing, promised a Government Bill next session to give votes to all the men in the country, excluding all the women. What was the meaning of it? It was a case of *cherchez la femme*. At the bottom of the mystery there was woman, not a woman only, but womanhood. Votes for men had never been asked for by the men of this country, there had been no agitation in its support, no resolutions had been passed, no great meetings had been held, even the Labour leaders had not mentioned the subject on their platform. Votes for men was not an answer to the demand of men for the vote, but votes for men was an answer to the demand of women for the vote. It was an attempt, by all means and by every possible cost, to stay the enfranchisement of women, and to provide an excuse to the Government for the nonfulfilment of the Prime Minister's pledge that full facilities should be given to the Conciliation Bill in 1912. The announcement of Mr. Asquith had swept the Conciliation Bill completely off the board.

Why was it necessary to take this very desperate measure? Because the Government was beginning to see that the Conciliation Bill would have been passed in 1912. The Bill was a non-party measure, drawn up to give the vote to women householders. Had it passed next year, household suffrage would have become a reality in this country, and it would have been true to say that every family, every household in the kingdom, was represented in the Legislature, whether the head of the family happened to be a man or a woman. In 1910, in spite of the impassioned entreaties of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was followed by Mr. Winston Churchill, the Conciliation Bill passed its Second Reading by a majority of 110, a greater majority than the Government got for its Budget. We were hearing a great deal then about "the will of the people." When Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George came before the country, that was the text of all their sermons—the will of the people as expressed by their representatives in the House of Commons must prevail. Yes, it must prevail to overthrow the Lords, because Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George wanted it, but it must not prevail to bring in Woman Suffrage, because that happened to be something that Messrs. Lloyd George, Asquith and Co. did not want. (Laughter.)

In 1911 they had a majority of 167 for the Bill. (Applause.) Yet the Bill was not passed. But something had to be done, and the Government's pledge was given. She wondered why the Government wanted to keep them quiet? She thought the could tell them: they wanted to pass the law taking women's money to pay the salaries

of members of Parliament. (Cheers and laughter.) It would have been a little difficult to do that if there had been women in prison as a protest against their disenfranchisement.

## A Fight for Honour.

Mr. Asquith and the Suffragists had been playing a game of chess, and the Government, when they saw it was nearly check-mate, kicked up the board and sent the pieces flying. It was not very sportsman-like, but she supposed it was politics, and now the Government invited them to play a game of chance, not of skill. They would double the stakes and they had loaded the dice—but the Suffragists were not playing. (Cheers.) The game of move and counter-move was over, the game of political compromise was done. It was a fight now. It was a fight for the honour and the dignity of the womanhood of the country. (Hear, hear.) It was a fight for their homes and their political liberties, and, cost what it might, it was a fight they were going to put through to victory. (Cheers.) They were not dismayed, though they realised, as Lord Lytton said, in a letter already read, the extreme gravity and seriousness of the situation. They took it as a testimony of the power of their agitation, which had grown so enormously in strength every year during the past five years. They had cleared their opponents out of every trench, they had sent them back from their fortifications, and they were in their last stronghold now. This was the last desperate move. Well, they (the Suffragists) were ready for the last rally and the last charge, and they would plant the flag of woman's liberty on the citadel of the Constitution yet. (Cheers.)

On the resolution being put to the vote it was carried by a large majority.

An excellent report, on which this is based, appeared in the *Wills and Gloucestershire Standard* for Saturday, November 11.

On the previous evening the same resolution was passed at Cheltenham with one dissentient.

## HITCHIN BY-ELECTION.

polling Day: Thursday, November 23.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms: 28a, High St. W.S.P.U. Organiser: Lady Constance Lytton, Homewood, Knebworth, Herts.

## Candidates.

Lord Robert Cecil.....(C.)

Mr. T. D. Gray.....(L.)

Result in Dec., 1910: Dr. A. P. Hillier (L.U.), 5,783; T. D. Gray (L.), 5,912. Con. Majority, 1,291.

Committee rooms have been opened at 28a, High Street, with Miss Graham in charge and Lady Constance Lytton as general organiser. During the last election these premises were occupied by the Liberal candidate's committee. The fact is looked upon as significant. At a moment's notice the members rallied splendidly from all over the constituency, Letchworth being foremost in giving assistance. The Garden City is one of the few strongholds of Liberalism in North Herts. Meetings will be held there continually. The campaign opened well with a splendid meeting in the Market Square on Saturday night. Three dozen copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold in the earlier part of the evening and 80 copies at the meeting itself. Miss Richards, who kindly came from London, made a fine speech and was most vigorous in her replies to questioners. The organisers will be glad to see any volunteers. All kinds of work is waiting to be done, and it is hoped that no one will stay away on the score of inexperience. Gratefully acknowledged: Misses Napier, £1; Miss Florence Stephens, £1. *The Morning Post* for last Saturday says:—

With the appearance of the militant woman suffragists matters are livening up a little. The familiar chalk marks were to be seen everywhere this afternoon, and there is to be an open-air anti-Government campaign throughout the entire division, commencing with Hitchin and Letchworth this evening. I am told that the intention at present is not to disturb the Liberal meetings, but to question the candidate, and endeavour to extract from him an undertaking that Mr. Asquith will include in his Manhood Suffrage Bill a clause that will give women equal rights with men. It will be for Mr. Gray to obtain that pledge from the Prime Minister before the militants are satisfied.

Lord Robert Cecil, at a meeting, said that Mr. Asquith's Manhood Suffrage proposal was merely an attempt to drown the demand for Women's Suffrage, and discreditable trickery of that kind was not a fair way to deal with any question.—*Times*, Nov. 13.

## MEETINGS.

Fri., Nov. 17.—28a, Hitchin High Street, women only. Miss Cameron, 3 p.m.; Market Place, Miss Naylor, 7 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 18.—Hitchin, New Town Hall, Lady Stout, Miss Evelyn Sharp; chair, Lady Constance Lytton, 3 p.m. Market Place, Mrs. Drummond 8.15 p.m.

## OLDHAM.

### RESULT.

E. R. Bartley Dennis (U.)..... 12,255  
Hon. A. L. Stanley (L.)..... 10,623  
W. C. Robinson (Lab.)..... 7,448

Unionist maj..... 1,632

Result in Dec., 1910: A. Ennott (L.), 17,108; W. Barton (L.), 16,941; J. Wrayley (C.), 13,440; E. R. B. Dennis (C.), 13,381. Lib. majority, 2,601.

It will be remembered that the Prime Minister's Manhood Suffrage Announcement was made in the middle of the By-Election Campaign at Oldham, and that the W.S.P.U. opposed the Liberal candidate whose defeat has been secured.

Miss Mary Phillips reports that the amount of sympathy and enthusiasm aroused by the meetings was remarkable, and that at none of them was any objection or argument raised against the policy, which seemed to be the ugliest underfoot. Mrs. Morrissey and Miss Patricia Woodcock, of Liverpool, and Miss Mabel Capper, of Manchester, gave splendid help.





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Some deliciously original vagaries of cut are also to be seen, but as these are impossible of description, they must be personally interviewed, and I know of no better rendezvous for them than John Simmon and Sons. Special attention is always paid even to La Mode's slightest whispers here, and the study of this firm's draped frocks, which yet keep absolutely intact the slender silhouette effect that is *de rigueur*, is in itself a liberal education. A Simmon's tailor-made, too, of course, always more than repays consideration. Moreover, anyone on the lookout for the very latest and smartest for winter sports and country wear may be thoroughly well suited for the moderate price of £10 10s. And since in VOTES we are practical, and like to know where we are in prices even as in politics, I will add that a *chic* afternoon toilette is to be had at this famous Haymarket establishment from £12 12s. Naturally, dance dresses are highly important at this season. Young girls will adhere to *la jupe courte*; *pour nos autres*, behold length, and the panel train. Nothing more practical in its own way than this independent train has ever been invented—it hangs on the arm for dancing and makes itself useful in the carriage as a scarf!

Fur is *la grande mode* for evening gowns, and the lovely veiled chiffon effects remain popular, though the vogue of brocade, both *souple* and stiff, is increasing, as indeed it is for everything *à la Renaissance*, especially tinsel brocades and gauzes. Here is an instance of this old world Italian loveliness that I bowed low to at William Owen's. A filmy flame-coloured drapery heavily weighted with a brocade of dull gold and silver such as Juliet may have worn, veiling a rich soft brocade *en suite*, enhanced by cobwebby lace and—that eyebrow to beauty—a *soupeçon* of shadowy black. Such creations are, of course, *de luxe*, but everything at this Westbourne Grove establishment is wonderfully reasonable—*par exemple*, an elaborately beautiful ball-gown can be had for £15 15s. To the young girl, too, it is a perfect paradise, since dainty little *toilettes de bal*, just as sweet and fresh as daisies, are to be had for 52s. 6d.

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*Appropos* of winter wraps, I must mention a really artistic and charming novelty that I was introduced to at Messrs. Dickins and Jones (Regent Street). While I was admiring the arctic treasures of their magnificent fur section the other day, someone mentioned "imitation furs." Now, some people do not care to wear real skins, and some cannot afford to do so, therefore I hastily sought out this new department, and, behold, I became an instantaneous convert to these latest novelties. *Vraiment*, they are charming. Not only are the fabrics of which they are composed wonderful imitations of natural mole, musquash, Persian lamb, etc., but the stoles and muffs possess intrinsic artistic value. Picture a long plush "mole" stole and muff enhanced by the sweetest old-world satin gauzings. The prices, too, are so moderate (42s. for the stole just described and 35s. for the muff), that one can have a set to harmonise with each toilette, and how desirable this is the possessor of a grey gown and yellowing sables, for instance, knows full well.



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The new undertaking is entered upon in the hope that it will afford the conditions most favourable to a full and frank discussion of Feminism in all its aspects.

The editorial attitude will be taken upon the assumption that Feminism has as yet no defined creed, and that even in respect of what would be regarded as its fundamental propositions, the subject still bristles with interrogations.

It is considered that while the articulate consciousness of mind in women, which, in its different forms of expression is called Feminism, is one of the most unmistakable features of modern times, yet, none the less, the readjustments in politics and morals which the new feature will make necessary, form highly debatable questions upon which we have barely yet entered.

In such circumstances, therefore, it has seemed that the next advance in the progress of Feminism would be made through the encouragement of full and open discussion, and it is this encouragement which the new journal will provide.

Literary contributions bearing on the subject will be sought, and all contributions which carry with them quality of thought will be considered irrespective of their point of view, conventional and otherwise.

The policy of the paper towards the political enfranchisement of women will be to regard it as a subject which has passed out of the sphere of philosophical debate, its enactment into law being acknowledged as inevitable, sooner or later, by the politicians friendly and unfriendly alike. The position occupied by the question is wholly different from that which it occupied at the time it was championed by men like John Stuart Mill. The energy of the new feminist impulse carried this phase of the movement into a favoured position at the outset, and its accomplishment will be brought about by astute political manoeuvring or by revolutionary violence, and not by philosophical debate.

The vast important work of women's industrial organisation stands in the same established position.

The theory of the economic independence of women is on more debatable ground. The complete application of the theory would involve changes so enormous in the affairs of the community, the family and the individual that there is doubt and hesitancy as to the manner and extent of its application to be found in the most forward feminist ranks themselves.

An effort will be made to treat the subject of sex morality in a spirit free from bias. Holding the view that conventional sex morality is open to question, the entire subject will be dealt with in an unreservedly fair and straightforward way.

It is believed that Feminism would be conceived in truer perspective if the English movement could keep in review the forms of activity in which the impulse finds expression in countries other than our own. It seems undeniable that there has been much of the purely accidental in the forces which have made the movement in England so largely political, and a wider survey would give it a deeper significance.

To secure this wider survey, correspondents are being secured in most European countries and in America, and contributors on Feminist affairs in the Near and Far East.

In so far, however, as the English movement is political, it is necessary that it should find its bearings in modern political thought. In this respect it has a two-fold task. Inasmuch as it does not fall into line with popular democracy, in a democratic community it remains suspect; and inasmuch as it falls into line, it has to find its defence against the criticisms which are attacking popular democracy itself; especially the latter, as the immediate practical application of feminist ideals would bring to democracy a preponderating volume of its supposed dangers and difficulties.

An attempt will be made to sustain from a feminist standpoint critical reviews of the Drama and of General Literature. It is felt that women have been almost exclusively readers and portrayers, and very rarely critics. The vast implications regarding moral sex values which are contained in Literature exert an influence so pervasive that there can be little change in moral estimates as long as such implied standards remain unquestioned.

Literary contributions will be sought from men equally with women, and it is hoped that the paper will find men readers as readily as women. It is considered that any theory of Feminism which regards itself as the private province of Women's interests is an absurdity, and that any reputable theory must hold that the interests of men are involved at least equally with those of women.

It is submitted that the enterprise is courageously conceived, and that every effort will be made to carry it out efficiently. It is therefore in a spirit of entire confidence that support is sought from those of the community for whom the subject has an interest.

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It would be unfair to talk of any of Mr. Bennett's characters as though they were mere puppets made to dance to his pipe. That would be to do him a gross injustice. Nevertheless, in his treatment of Hilda he has an exasperating trick of letting her go, so to speak, just so far, and then jerking the string and pulling her back into her box. The box is sex. Mr. Bennett cannot get away from it. "His masculinity—her fragility." We are always knocking up against this one barrier to her development as an individual human being. This worrying, hampering thing—her fragility, by which is meant her womanhood—is inevitably there at all important crises of her life. It dominates and it impedes.

And in the end it must be said that she is an enigma, not only to Edwin Clayhanger, but to us. We do not know her except as an abnormal woman. On the one hand, with her vivid aliveness, her swift imagination, her experimentalising temperament, above all her possession of that mysterious other-self that looks on while the outward self acts, Hilda Lessways appeals to us less as woman than as artist; and, on the other hand, art knows no sex. Hence our quarrel with her creator, who has endowed her with many gifts, and then—invited a wicked fairy to her christening.

"The Forward in Love"† was a Cambridge Dean, who threw up his position as Dean, and re-entered the University in disguise and as an undergraduate, to try and obtain his "Blue" as a football "forward," in order to win the lady he loved. He won his "Blue," but felt compelled to relinquish it, on finding no M.A. was eligible for the coveted honour; incidentally, he also won the lady. Her he retained. It is called "An Improbable Comedy"; and certainly the heroine's inability to remember whether, the previous day, she had refused or not the proposal of the man she loved, is what every woman-reader will consider most improbable!

A book that is comic in its plot and in its treatment is apt to pall. Mr. Beerbohm is artist enough to know this, and while he has in "Zuleika Dobson"† chosen a plot grotesque to excess, he treats it not only with extreme gravity but with good workmanship. It is hardly fair to this delightful piece of fooling to tell that the plot concerns an irresistible young woman for whose sake all the students at Oxford commit suicide; the book must be read to be enjoyed. All its spurious emotions, its Oxford traditions, its analyses of characters that never were on sea or land, its tragedies that are laughable, in a word its brilliant folly—all these are a delightful change from problem novels and political tracts.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED.

- "A Whistling Woman." By Robert Halifax. London: Constable & Co. 6s.  
 "The Criminal and the Community." By James Devon. London: John Lane. 6s. net.  
 "The Woman Voter." October, New York. 5 cents.  
 "Twentieth Century Magazine." November. Twentieth Century Co. 25 cents.  
 "The Feminist Catechism." London: International Suffrage Shop. 6d. net.  
 "The Organisation of Buying." By George Calderon. The Priory Press, Hampstead. 1d.  
 "Marriage and Divorce." By Fru Ella Anker. Women's Co-operative Guild. 1d.

\* Hilda Lessways. By Arnold Bennett. London: Methuen. 6s.  
 † "The Forward in Love." By Richard Bird. Herbert and Daniel. 6s.  
 ‡ "Zuleika Dobson." By Max Beerbohm. London. Heinemann. Price 6s.

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# VOTES FOR WOMEN

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## THE ONLY TERMS OF PEACE.

The recent action, both of the Government as a whole and of individual members of the Government, has produced a crisis in the Woman Suffrage movement, and has encompassed us with dangers and difficulties. There is for us only one way of escape from this perilous position. It is to demand that the Government shall themselves introduce and carry a measure giving votes to women. The possibility of a non-party solution of the question has been destroyed. First of all, Mr. Lloyd George, by his attacks on the Conciliation Bill, brought dissension into the ranks of the Members of Parliament, who, but for his interference, would have been ready to sink Party differences and personal preferences in order to carry a measure giving to women a share in the household franchise enjoyed by men. Mr. Lloyd George's onslaught on the Conciliation Bill has now been followed by the announcement that the Government intend to sweep away the household franchise on which the Conciliation Bill was based, and to introduce a Manhood Suffrage Bill.

This decision to establish Manhood Suffrage, a decision due in no small measure, so we understand, to the inspiration of Mr. Lloyd George, finally disposes of the hope of carrying Woman Suffrage as a non-party measure. The introduction of a Bill abolishing all franchise restrictions means that the question of Woman Suffrage now becomes entangled with that of Universal Suffrage. As a result those who believe that franchise restrictions should be maintained are alienated from the women's cause, while those who support Manhood Suffrage only are not won over to it.

The agreement brought about by the Conciliation Committee, and afterwards rudely shaken by Mr. Lloyd George, is now put to death by the Government's threat of Manhood Suffrage. Are we not justified in saying that "an enemy hath done this thing"? The Government, to state the matter in the most charitable terms, have made Woman Suffrage a Party question. Therefore they are in honour bound now to make it a Party measure. We demand that they shall do this. So long as there was a prospect of success for the Conciliation Bill, and so long as the effect of that measure would have been to give women virtual equality with men and a guarantee of equality under future franchise laws, the Women's Social and Political Union observed a truce with the Government. But now that the Government have destroyed these two conditions,

the truce can be observed no longer, unless they consent to give certain reasonable undertakings.

These undertakings, these terms of peace, are as follows:—

That the Government abandon the Manhood Suffrage Bill and introduce in its stead a measure giving precisely equal franchise rights to men and women.

That the measure be carried through next Session, in order that the protection of the Parliament Act shall be secured.

That the Government stake their existence upon the Bill as a whole, and undertake to stand or fall as much by the provisions for Votes for Women as by the provisions for Votes for Men.

We cannot with safety, we dare not, accept any pledge less full and less explicit than this.

The preposterous suggestion has been made that the enfranchisement of women shall be allowed to depend upon the fate of a mere amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill. We reject this suggestion with contempt. The proposed Manhood Suffrage Bill is an injury; to bid women to rely for their enfranchisement upon the passing of an amendment is an insult. We are not minded to tolerate either. The suggestion of an amendment is not only an insult—it is also a trap. Into that trap we refuse to go, even though it should be baited by a promise from one or more members of the Cabinet to speak in support of a Woman Suffrage amendment at meetings and in Parliament.

The fit and proper accompaniment of votes for all men is votes for all women. No one seriously believes that an amendment on these lines can be carried unless the Government drive it through with all the force at their disposal. The mere personal advocacy of one or more Cabinet Ministers will not avail. Womanhood Suffrage must be made a Government measure, or it will be defeated.

It is suggested in certain quarters that woman's right to vote shall be put up to Dutch auction, and that upon the defeat of a Womanhood Suffrage amendment other amendments of less extended scope shall be submitted in turn. We refuse to sanction any such procedure, because we claim for women perfect equality of voting rights with men, so that if Womanhood Suffrage is not to be adopted, neither must Manhood Suffrage be adopted. But, quite apart from this, such is the discord which has been created by the Government and certain of its members, that we cannot count upon the passage of any Woman Suffrage amendment whatsoever. We repeat that the only safe course is to insist that the Government abandon Manhood Suffrage and introduce a measure giving votes to women on the same terms as to men.

What is it that enables the Government to get their various legislative proposals through the House of Commons? The secret of their power is the announcement that they stand or fall by such proposals, and that their defeat involves the resignation of the Government, with all the disturbance and personal inconvenience which this brings to private Members. Thus it is the knowledge that the fate of the Government depends upon their being present to vote for the Insurance Bill that will get that measure carried, and the same knowledge would have the effect of getting Womanhood Suffrage carried.

What possible objection can the Government have to introducing and carrying a Bill giving votes to women? We have heard a rumour that the well-worn excuse of "a divided Cabinet" may be raised yet again. We quite agree that it is not to be expected that twenty-one gentlemen should see absolutely eye to eye upon any question, whether it be one of Home Rule, of Welsh Disestablishment, of Woman Suffrage, or of National Insurance. We know, however, that in case of disagreement in the Cabinet the majority prevails. We are informed that there is a majority of Suffragists in the present Cabinet. It is for that majority to assert itself. If the Government do not introduce and carry next Session a measure giving votes to women, blame will rest even more upon the Suffragist Ministers than upon those who are anti-Suffragists. If the statement which Mr. Asquith is to make to-day should be unsatisfactory, this will argue culpable weakness on the part of Ministers who profess to believe in votes for women.

If, it is in truth the case that the Cabinet cannot, agree to enfranchise women, that proves the need of such outside pressure as shall weld them into one. Men, being voters, are able to apply pressure by constitutional means. Women must use what rough-and-ready substitute they may in order to win their right of citizenship.

Christabel Pankhurst.



## MESSAGES FROM WELL-KNOWN WOMEN.

### FROM MRS. WOLSTENHOLME ELMY.

*Who proposes, if possible, to be present on Tuesday.*

The passing into law of a *Manhood* Suffrage Bill would be the grossest possible insult to the womanhood of these islands. An Adult Suffrage Bill would be a very different matter, and would be a juster and wiser solution of the problem than Mr. Asquith's present proposal could ever be. I have myself been working for the enfranchisement of women on the same terms as men ever since October, 1865, when I formed the first Manchester Women's Suffrage Committee. I have seen the purely male electorate grow from seven hundred thousand to over seven millions, and not one woman is yet a free citizen with full citizen rights, whilst each successive increase of the purely male electorate has steadily made it more and more difficult to get any attention paid to the many legalised wrongs from which women still suffer. I ask every woman and man who believes, as I do myself, that injustice between the sexes will be found the very tap-root of all other political and social injustice, to urge upon each Member of Parliament whom she or he can hope to influence *the duty of insisting upon the full enfranchisement of women by the substitution for the proposed Manhood Suffrage Bill of a sound and wise Adult Suffrage Bill.* Unless this be done it will be the duty of all justice loving men and women to resist to the death the present unwise and unjust proposal and the Ministry responsible for it.

### FROM MRS. SAUL SOLOMON.

We members of the W.S.P.U. consider that we have waited long and patiently for the fulfilment by the Prime Minister of his oft-repeated promises and pledges to grant facilities for the third reading and passing into law of the "Conciliation Bill," which commended itself to a large and substantial majority of the House of Commons, irrespective of party. But the most confiding of us met with a final disillusionment on Tuesday week, when Mr. Asquith made his momentous statement to Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., that it was now the purpose of the Government to introduce a Reform Bill for Manhood Suffrage next session!

This, then, it seems, is his insolent reply to our demand for Woman Suffrage! To proceed further with our support of the "Conciliation Bill" would be a sheer waste of time and energy. The Government proposal, as it stands, cannot be tolerated. Either they should bring in an Adult Suffrage Bill, or else withdraw their Manhood Suffrage Bill altogether. We can see no other logical conclusion to be possible. As a Union it is our bounden duty to insist that not one more man voter shall be added to the electorate until woman shall take her rightful place by his side. At this crucial moment in the history of the woman movement it behoves us to combine as never before, for it is only by combined efforts that victory may become certain of attainment. By redoubling our numbers, energies and enthusiasm we shall find ourselves in a position to avert the terrible impending catastrophe to our cause and country of having the women again left out of a great Reform Bill.

Our souls burn within us, and we turn away with a feeling of pitying contempt from the unworthy pronouncement of the Premier to the public utterances of our noble leaders. Gratefully do we fall in with their words of courage and inspiration, which have served to strengthen and arm us to resolution and united action.

The first opportunity afforded us to prove the earnestness of our purpose to protest against a Manhood Suffrage Bill is to be given us on the 21st instant, when, I take it, every available member will be anxious to do her share. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, famous as a moral reformer from the time of her beautiful early consecration to that work, is to be our leader on this occasion. Fearlessly upborne by the prayers and the love of thousands, she will march forward to carry out her mission.

The question may present itself to some: What methods will the Government adopt? Hitherto theirs has been a militant policy of brute force and cruel violence towards unprotected women. To these "methods of barbarism" we have opposed the gentler methods of a *militancy of suffering*, which Christ commends, and which, we hesitate not to declare, must ultimately end in victory. We are going to win, and nothing man can do will turn us back. Let us rally around our leader, close ranks and do and dare, sacrificing all, as she has long ago sacrificed her all, for the sake of our cause, a cause for the uplifting of all humanity. In our vocabulary there is no such word as Failure.

### FROM MISS VIDA GOLDSTEIN.

The Liberal Government have proved themselves clever politicians, devoid of the essential qualities that entitle men to be called statesmen—honesty, ability to read the signs of the times, fidelity to principle. No one who has any practical knowledge of politics and politicians will be deluded by their action. Not

understanding the deep significance of the woman suffrage movement they hope to annihilate it, but it will assuredly annihilate them. The law of justice is as exact as the law of mathematics. It never fails to annihilate injustice.

### FROM VOLUNTEERS.

I believe you already have my name down for active duty. If you have not, please put it down, for now I think is the time for every woman who possibly can to forget all about herself and her own interests, and help to get freedom for her sex.

Will you put my name down on the list for the 21st? In offering myself I am quite aware of the risks, which are all the greater for me, as I have a slightly damaged spine, owing to an accident as a child, and am not robust. Although I hope to avoid receiving any injury I shall be prepared for the worst. I feel that this is a most critical stage in our movement; and that we must all be ready to make a supreme effort during the next few weeks or months.

Will you please put me down for whatever may be necessary on the 21st inst.? It is more than flesh and blood can stand. Well may the Englishmen talk such maudlin nonsense about the Italian atrocities when they treat their own women in the atrocious way they do, not only by not attempting to try and improve their position, but also by ousting them out of legitimate work. I am glad to be in England to do my little to help.

I have only heard to-night that there is likely to be a protest on the 21st, and I write to ask you to put my name down, for in that case I shall put off going to Scotland. . . . I am happy that the chance may now be given me of again demonstrating how heartily I am in sympathy with the work of the W.S.P.U., and how devoted I am to our daring leaders, and to the cause of Woman's Liberty. Please be sure and let me go, for I may not get the chance again, and I have waited four years for this. My youngest baby is just two years old in January, the elder one is four, but I can leave them easily, and their only legal parent better realises his supreme position for a while; perhaps he will then see through the Government. . . .

Will you add my name to the Deputation for next Tuesday? I was one of the last year's number, and as a result of the knocking about on that occasion I was almost incapacitated for work for months, and as I am a very busy woman I have never been able to pick up arrears—hence my delay in joining this. Besides being a wife and mother, I also take all the responsibility of the booking of my husband's building business. My husband has consented to see after this for me as far as he can. Details of work may be picked up later, but this opportunity must be taken now.

Will you put me down to go on the next Deputation? It has taken me some time to screw up my courage, as I am a coward, but I hope not to disgrace our Union. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence said last Thursday, that each person who went on a deputation brought her people and friends to take a different view of the movement; this helped me to be brave enough to come.

I shall have to start work again after Christmas, so welcome this opportunity of contributing my "spinster's mite" of time to our great movement.

A working woman writes:—

I shall be only too glad to help to show my contempt of the Government's plan to defeat Votes for Woman.

Another working woman writes:—

I feel that every working woman should be there to protest against this last insult to all womanhood. Put me in the front rank as a sweated worker.

### TO ARMS!

(Suggested by a poem in the "Westminster Gazette," by "E.C.W.")

We know the Mastery which elates  
When, with a resolute control  
We guide brute Forces through blind Fates  
To our own pre-determined goal.

Nearing the end—the Goal in sight,  
Our Leaders firm and undismayed,  
We follow in their steps—if need  
To face Death—calm and unafraid,

Filled full of joy and ecstasy  
Knowing in Body, Soul and Mind  
Some help and service we can be,  
Some blessing bring to all mankind.

EDITH R. MANSELL-MOULLIN.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER.

A donation of £1 has just been sent from an old working woman in New South Wales. She was one of the Glasgow members, but went out to Australia some time ago. She was a weaver—is now seventy years of age and a widow. She writes:—

Women and children have a good time here. It is pleasant to see how they are treated. All workmen have an eight hours' day—48 hours per week—and are better paid all round. I get VOTES every Monday. I must help, for every inch of the ground must be fought.

The example of this devoted soul, who, many thousands of miles away, a worker for her daily bread, an enfranchised citizen, never for one moment forgets the fighting cause at home, will be followed, we believe, by every member of this Union. In view of the supreme crisis of the present movement, rich and poor will pour out their substance in proportion to their means, and will express the fighting spirit of this movement in terms of hard cash which the whole world can understand.

So long as there is hope or chance of their success our opponents will scheme and dodge in order to trick us and to divide our forces. Having failed to dismay us by their exercise of physical force they will seek by soft speaking to beguile us and lead us into a trap. Our cleverest and strongest enemy of all, Mr. Lloyd George, will fight us by every means in his power just so long as he deems us less astute, less resolute and weaker in will power than himself. When he sees that resistance is useless and not till then will he be found fighting on our side.

We must give the most significant proof that is in our power to give of the overwhelming determination of women to secure equal franchise rights with men. Therefore, unless the Government pledges itself to drop the Manhood Suffrage Bill, and to substitute in its stead a measure giving equal franchise rights to men and women, and undertakes to press it through in 1912, we shall march one thousand strong to Westminster next Tuesday, to signify to the entire world our refusal to submit to dishonour and subjection.

Only second in importance is it that in the Royal Albert Hall and afterwards we shall fill the War Chest, and show that this Union is resolute to back up militant action by a financial extended scheme of organisation and vigorous agitation throughout the whole country. At such a moment as this, when everything is in the balance, not one woman in this Union will hesitate to fulfil to the utmost limit of her capacity both these conditions of ultimate victory.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND.

November 6 to November 11.

<b>Already acknowledged</b> £105,429 0 5	Mrs. Simon	£20 1 0
Miss Charlotte Briggs	Miss Ward	0 1 0
and Miss Caroline	Mrs. Morell	0 1 3
Ricketts	Mrs. Rothers	0 3 0
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W.S.P.U.	Per Miss A. L. Durham	
Miss M. E. Kendall	Mrs. Maris	0 0 8
Munster Women's Franchise League (Lecture Fee and part profits)	Extra on "V. f. W."	0 0 5
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Mrs. Lees	London	67 3 5
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	„ Miss A. Pankhurst	1 12 4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£105,574 16 1</b>

Note:—Item "Collections per Miss L. Burns" in issue of November 3, included £1 5s. collected at Portobello At Home per Mrs. Baxendale.

Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and crossed "Barclay and Co."

Next week's "Votes for Women" will contain a special report of the Albert Hall meeting, of the deputation to the Prime Minister, and of the proceedings of Tuesday, November 21. As there is likely to be a largely increased sale readers wishing to secure extra copies are invited to order them in advance.



## MRS. PANKHURST IN AMERICA.

Further news of Mrs. Pankhurst's visit to Louisville, and of her speech at the Woman Suffrage Convention there, has reached us this week. Mrs. Pankhurst's visit has evidently made a deep impression on the Press. In a leading article on October 24 the *Lexington Herald* said:—

"We have rarely seen a more dramatic incident than Mrs. Pankhurst's entrance and capture of the Convention. Her train was late; for an hour after she was due Dr. Shaw held riveted the attention of the packed hall, telling of the experiences in the campaign in California. Mrs. Pankhurst entered the hall. Instantly her presence was felt. The moment she appeared on the platform one realised by what power of personality she has become the best loved and best hated woman in England. We have seen William Jennings Bryan capture a convention. We have seen those we account greater than Bryan dominate men. We have never seen any personality that instantly impressed itself more than does Mrs. Pankhurst. A gentlewoman she is, evidently, in all that sweet word implies; but a leader with a courage to stake all on the cast of a die, and lose and start again and never breathe a word of her loss. We are going to Louisville again to hear her to-night."

The *Courier-Journal* devoted several columns to the speech. The *Louisville Herald* had a headline: "Mrs. Pankhurst Draws Rounds of Applause." At Bridgeport Mrs. Pankhurst addressed another convention meeting presided over by Attorney General John Light.

Writing of the Louisville Convention, Mrs. Pankhurst says: "We met women from California very proud of their citizenship. All these women say that they owe their victory very largely to the impetus given to the movement by the agitation in England. There was much that was fine and inspiring in the Convention. The presence of women like Jane Addams, Mary Johnstone (author of 'The Old Dominion'), Miss Carey Thomas (Principal of Brynmawr College for Women), Dr. Anna Shaw, and many other women of distinction, gave it a special interest. The Woman's Club of Louisville gave a reception in their beautiful club house, and there I met the Governor of the State and his wife, the author of 'Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage Patch,' and many of the representative women of Kentucky. The Governor was present at our afternoon meeting in the theatre."

Mrs. Pankhurst's engagements are as follows: November 17, Omaha (Neb.); November 21, Lincoln (Neb.); November 26, Philadelphia (Pa.); November 27, Hartford (Conn.); December 2, Greenwich (Conn.); December 4, Newark (N. J.); December 5, Boston (Mass.); December 7, Providence (R. I.); December 8, North Adams (Mass.); December 9, Rochester (N. Y.); December 10, Syracuse (N. Y.); December 11, Montreal (Canada); December 12, Toronto (Canada); December 15, Port Arthur (Canada).

### SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Elocution Mistress—Miss Rosa Lutz, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

With the prospect of militancy being renewed, all true Suffragettes who are not free to do militant work will feel that they must do as much as possible in other ways. For this reason there is no better way of helping the cause than by becoming missionaries. Speakers—many speakers—are needed, as numbers of open-air meetings must be held all over London, and a course at the Speakers' Class will afford a splendid opportunity for becoming efficient in the art of speaking, and for gaining up-to-date and true knowledge of the present political situation. All members of the W.S.P.U. are eligible for membership, and it is hoped a large number of new speakers will be the result of this appeal. Miss Leo's private class takes place at 41, Norfolk Square, by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton, every Saturday at 4 p.m. and every Tuesday at 7.45 p.m.

### RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible.
2. The Class is held at 4, Clements Inn, Room 72, every Friday, at 7.45 p.m. sharp.
3. Entrance fee, 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.

The Conference of southern co-operative women which met in London last week passed by an overwhelming majority a resolution asking for reforms in the divorce law which would equalise the position of men and women.

The Canadian Suffragists are very active. They have approached the Premier and the Opposition Leader for pledges, and although in both cases unsatisfactory replies were received, it is not likely that the matter will be allowed to fester there.

One of the ships accompanying Their Majesties to India has been fitted with a special swinging cot as a preventive of sea-sickness. This invention is that of a woman, Princess Lowenstein-Wertheimer.

Thirty girls at the Gillette Safety Razor Company's works at Leicester are on strike against a "speeding-up" system, says the *Daily Express*. It is alleged that overseers stand behind the girls, timing them with watches.

The wedding ring of a woman who says, "I am the happily married wife of a railway servant," has been sent to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence to be turned into gold for the W.S.P.U. War Chest.

## OUR POST BOX.

COMPULSORY STARVATION OF IRISH CHILDREN.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—Are English statesmen aware that they have caused and are causing the children of Ireland to be compulsorily starved? The Irish school child up to the present time has been forced to go from seven to eight working hours every day of its school life without adequate food. The school hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., without a break for dinner, only a few minutes' cessation being given in the middle of the day. When the children arrive home they are too worn out to be able to enjoy a good meal, to say nothing of inability to digest it. Between four in the afternoon and bedtime, the remaining meals have to be crowded in, and children rise in the morning with but little appetite for breakfast. No class of fathers would submit to going eight working hours every day without dinner, and if Irish employers kept domestic servants for eight working hours without food, the Government would soon introduce a Bill to stop such inhuman treatment. It says much for the Irish race that half of them ever grow up at all. Then the talk begins about "race degeneracy," increasing "inroads of disease," "spread of tuberculosis." Recent statistics show that Ireland has a comparatively lower death rate from tuberculosis than either England, Wales or Scotland, in the period of life under five years of age, while the first great increase in tuberculosis death-rate begins in the country with school age (five years) and continues during it, the increase growing steadily during the whole period of school attendance until it reaches its maximum about the age of twenty-five years.

Women of Ireland, now is your chance. It is for you to realise that neither English Government nor Irish Parliament are able to legislate for your children without your help. It is for you to say that your meaty your children to be properly fed while you have food to give them.—Yours, etc., JANE CRAIG, L.L.A.

### ON THE OCEAN.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—I thought you might be interested in an extract from a letter from one of my pupils in Ceylon:—"We had a delightful voyage out and you will be glad to hear that I kept the flag flying, for I wore my badge, of course, and had many Suffrage talks with people who were interested but vague about the movement! My sister sent the current number of VOTES FOR WOMEN to meet me at Port Said and it was much in demand. I shall keenly follow the movement while I am away, and hope to come back to it with renewed vigour." I am content to know that this splendid spirit permeates all my speakers.—Yours, etc., ROSA LEO.

### AN APPEAL TO MEN.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—The scandalous record of Liberal Prime Ministers' promises and evasions ought to open the eyes of all Suffragists who are not willfully blind, and of all honest men, whether they have been Suffragists or not, to the true nature of those who, hypocritically posing as democrats, have captured the Parliamentary machine. It will be a few years before there leaks out the inner history of recent Cabinet Councils, but the public results of those Councils are well enough known, in spite of the notorious P.ess boycott. Writing as a sincere Adult (Man and Woman) Suffragist, I must nevertheless admit that Adult Suffrage has for a long time been utilised only as a decoy for Woman Suffrage, and this is clearly shown in Mr. Asquith's reply on the 7th inst. to the Parliamentary deputation, and in that deputation's unctuous reception of his reply. Not only do I repudiate the idea of "Manhood" Suffrage, but I consider that it is the moral duty of every man, whatever be his status, to actively resist any such measure by all means in his power until women are absolutely enfranchised on the existing legal basis. In view of what has occurred in the past, and of what may yet occur, will you allow me to advise those easy-going but irresponsible critics of women's political method, those whilom apologists for the brutality of an unjust Government's methods, to turn their force, their criticism, and their influence against the Government and its Parliamentary supporters, if they have any real manhood left.—Yours, etc.,

53, St. George's Road, CHARLES B. MADON, Glasgow.

November 11, 1911.

### FROM CANADA.

A very interesting and touching letter has been received by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence from a little group of women living in an isolated settlement in Manitoba, Canada. They are ten miles from the nearest post office, or they would, they say, have sent with the letter some small subscription; they will do so next time one of them can go to the town. They write to say that they read VOTES FOR WOMEN regularly, and they ask for help and advice with regard to their own isolated and difficult campaign. The following is an extract from the letter:—"The farmers' wives here are agitating for a 'Dower Law,' that is, a law giving one-third of the man's possessions to the wife, so that at his death he cannot leave by will everything away from her. A deputation of influential women waited upon members of Parliament last winter in Winnipeg, but they were only laughed at and told that a petition signed by non-voters was not worth the paper it was written on. Now out on the prairie we are trying to form clubs for discussing the matter. Excuse me for troubling you, but we few English settlers know the difficulties we have to face, and a word of encouragement will help us along. Other settlers are doing the best they know to further the Cause."

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has written expressing the sympathy and goodwill of the women in the Home Country, and enclosing badges and buttons.

### IN CHILE.

A correspondent writes to point out that Chile is the only country in the world where women are employed as tram conductors. It has been proved with thoroughly good reason, says the writer, that the women give greater satisfaction, as they are so much more honest than men!

## CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FÊTE, DEC. 4 to 9.

Intending contributors are reminded that the time has come for sending in all gifts to stall-holders, and they are asked to see that articles, especially anything in the nature of glass or ware, are packed carefully. Several fragrant gifts have already been received in a broken condition. As stall-holders are already aware, a storing place has been secured for the week beginning November 27, and all parcels should be sent there from November 27 to December 1. If contributors are unable to send their goods by November 28, they are asked to apply to stall-holders at the addresses given below for special labels.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

Mrs. Portree, 4, Tite Street, Chelsea, reports that musical arrangements for the orchestra are now complete. The Holian Ladies' Orchestra will play on December 4, 6 and 8, in the afternoon, and on the evening of December 8. The Maccos on December 4, 6 and 8, in the evening, and in the afternoon of December 9. The Dilkosha on the evening of December 7, and afternoon and evening of December 8. The Arnoldi Trio on the afternoon of December 7.

### FAIR SECTION.

Men's Political Union. Sec.—Mr. A. McDougall, 15, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

Personal and financial help are appealed for; helpers for the afternoon and financial help for all the schemes are required. If everything is to be ready in time, and if the whole thing is to be the success it must be, we must have help—financial and otherwise—and the co-operation of the members. The following articles are urgently needed:—Five dozen wooden balls, two inches in diameter, for the shies; two baskets for holding the balls; one gross of small envelopes for holding quantities of six slugs at the shooting range; six basket chairs of bath-chair shape; drapery for hoop-la table, also small articles such as boxes of cigarettes, chocolates, home-made sweets, bonbons, lavender bags, and sachets, small pin-cushions, cakes of soap, and any other small articles one can think of; two painted tambourines, or some other quaint things for collection boxes for the Punch and Judy show. A lady friend volunteer is also needed to dress the Punch and Judy dolls. The following friends are gratefully thanked:—Mrs. Rutter, for her gifts for the hoop-la; Norris Beeston, Esq., 5s. towards the shooting gallery; Miss Ethel Lory, for the arduous task of draping the Punch and Judy hut; Ernest Brown, Esq., for his loan of four air guns and several pounds of slugs; to J. Drinkwater, Esq., for his loan of an air gun; and to Victor Prout, Esq., for his valuable help in the painting of the pictures for the shies.

### SWEET STALL.

Secs.—Miss Muriel Thompson and Miss Leggett, 48, Queen's Gate, S.W. (first three days). Mrs. Cather, Red Cottage, Cavendish Road, Redhill (second three days).

Miss Muriel Thompson and Miss Leggett will be glad if members would help in giving money and sweets to their Sweetmeat Stall, as the time is drawing near and they have received so few promises up to the present. Money is required to buy Christmas novelties.

### CHRISTMAS FARE, FARM PRODUCE, AND FLOWERS.

Secs.—Mrs. Marshall, 55, York Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W., and Miss Grace Roe.

Will friends who are sending jams, pickles, ketchups, chutneys, etc., kindly see that each article is distinctly labelled as to the contents and from whom they come, as they make it more interesting to the purchasers? Labels will be sent off this week, but anybody not receiving instructions as to where their goods should be sent should forward them, on or after December 3, to the Farm Produce & Flower Stall, Portman Rooms, Baker Street, W. Best thanks to Mrs. Ball for contribution of 10s.

### LACE, EMBROIDERY AND ART METAL WORK.

Sec.—Miss Florence E. Cobb, 8, North St., Quadrant, Brighton.

Work parties will be held at Miss Turner's, 13, Victoria Road, on Monday, November 20, at 7.45 p.m., and at the office on Tuesday, November 21, at 3 p.m. Members are reminded of the sale of work at the office on Wednesday, November 22, at 3.30 p.m., when it is also hoped to have an exhibition of most of the Fair goods. The secretary will be much obliged if contributors will price their own articles, or let her know about how much the materials cost. She still wants more lace, embroidery, art metal work and more money. Please send in all goods at once. Grateful thanks to Miss Constable, Miss Durham, Mrs. Taubman-Goldie, Miss F. Hawkins, the Misses Sloane, the Misses M. and K. Stevens, Miss Streeter, Miss Bigniss and Miss Margaret Whitelaw, for some beautiful work.

### MILLINERY.

Sec.—Mrs. Reginald Pott, 11, Scarsdale Villas, Kensington.

Mrs. Reginald Pott would like to remind all those who are kindly giving her hats for her stall that they should be sent to the above address by November 25. She hopes that all members are waiting until the Fête and Fair opens to buy their winter hats. The following firms have already most generously promised hats:—Madame Agutter, South Molton Street; Madame Atkins, Harewood Place, Hanover Sq.; Messrs. John Barker, Kensington, W.; Mrs. Caplin and Ballard, Heath St., Hampstead; Madame Correlli, 137A, Kensington High Street; Madame Elizabeth, South Molton Street; Madame Emilie, Woking, Surrey; Madame Farquhar, 137, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. Glynn, 210, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. W. H. Hunt & Co., Kensington High St.; Messrs. Jones, 200, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. Liberty, Regent Street; Miss Amy Kötze, 8, Great Marlborough Street; Miss Mulberry, Grafton Street, Bond Street; Mr. William Owen, Westbourne Grove; Messrs. Owles and Beaumont, Brompton Road; Messrs. Ponting, Kensington, W.; Messrs. Peter Robinson, Regent Street; Mrs. Renee Le Roy, 71, Park St., Grosvenor Sq.; Miss Mildred Trim, 74, Walm Lane, Willesden; and several more have the matter under consideration. Messrs. Derry and Toms, Kensington, are very kindly lending all necessary hat stands.

### OTHER STALLS AND STALL SECRETARIES.

ANTIQUE STALL ..... Mrs. Thomas, Llanwrn Park, Newport, Mon.  
BASKETS AND BAGS .... Mrs. Malcolm Evans, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol.  
CUSHIONS AND MATS (of all descriptions) ..... The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 50, Prad Street, Paddington.  
UNDERCLOTHING ..... Miss Nellie Crocker, 8, Carlton Street, Nottingham.

### PRESENTS FOR MEN.

Sec.—Miss Billing, 124, Canterbury Road, Gillingham, Kent.

North and West Kent and North Islington Unions appeal for more contributions, either in cash or in kind; ties, socks, shaving apparatus, anything for the use and comfort of men friends, will be most gratefully welcomed. Miss Bryer acknowledges with many thanks: Miss Franks, 3s.; Miss Caren, 3s.; Miss A. Kelly, 5s.; Miss K. Kelly, 2s. 6d.; Miss Welkes, 10s.; H. H. H., 2s. 6d.; E. G. Crease, 6d.; Miss Bidwell, 3s. 6d.; Mrs. Osmond, Mr. Osmond and Mrs. Shoefield, various goods. Miss Billing will be glad if fete officers will, without delay, let her know what are the contributions from their various districts. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss G. Harraden, 5s.; Miss Davis, 2s.

### UNDERCLOTHING.

Sec.—Miss Nellie Crocker, 8, Carlton Street, Nottingham.

Members and friends are asked to bear in mind that contributions must reach the secretary not later than November 30. If members have not already promised a gift will they do so at once? Orders are still being booked for garments made to customers' own requirements. Contributions to the Material Fund are acknowledged in "Campaign Throughout the Country."

### MANY INVENTIONS.

Sec.—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton, Somerset.

"Many Inventions" will include foreign and British specialties, Italian hand-printed paper work, Florentine vellum, Norwegian boxes, foreign jewellery, Morocco baskets, foreign toys, women's arts and crafts of all kinds, including leather and pewter work, rushwork and some art embroidery. Any kinds of artistic contributions most gratefully received. Many thanks for the delightful contributions received this week; much more help is needed to cover this stall. Gifts of money and contributions are acknowledged under "Campaign Throughout the Country."

### LUCKY TUBS.

Sec.—Mrs. East, 21, Brandenburgh Road, Chiswick.

Gratefully acknowledged:—Parcels for lucky tubs from Mrs. and Miss Wilberforce, Miss Miller, Miss Robinson, and Mrs. S. Adams. Many more articles will be needed, and Mrs. East will be glad to receive anything suitable.

### CURIOS AND BRIC-A-BRAC.

Sec.—Miss Willson, 34, Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, S.W.

Miss A. E. Willson writes that she wishes to thank Lady Sybil Smith for sending her eight articles, which include "A rose in crystal," and a charming little "paper-cutter." She also thanks Mrs. E. Blewett, of Wimbledon, for nine attractive articles, seven of which will be passed on to the stalls for which they are suited. Miss A. E. Willson states that she now has more than enough articles to stock her stall.

### GUESSING AND COMPETITION.

Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 50, High Street, West Croydon.

A series of interesting and amusing competitions, which will add considerably to the "Fun of the Fair," will be organised at this stall, one being the Mystical Wheel of Pythagoras. Divination by this Wheel and Arithmancy as practised in the Middle Ages will be a unique experience to all who come to put questions to the Wheel. The organisation of the competitions will need a number of helpers. Bands of half-a-dozen at a time will be wanted from 2.30 to 5 p.m., 5 to 7.30 p.m., 7.30 to 10 p.m., to sell tickets, check cards, etc. Will those who wish to volunteer for this interesting work please send in their names to Miss Withall, 50, High Street, Croydon? Pretty and dainty gifts fit for prizes will be very welcome, and may be sent to the same address.

### HERTFORDSHIRE STALL.

Household and Furnishing.

Sec.—Mrs. Impey, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin, Herts.

Lady Constance Lytton has engaged a room at the Great Northern Hotel, King's Cross, for Monday, November 27, and Tuesday, November 28, where goods for this stall will be finally priced and classified. The Hon. Sec., Mrs. Impey, Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Paim will be in charge. Local Unions kindly note and send goods on the above date.

### TOY STALL.

Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Strawberry Road, Streatham, S.W.

Toys should be sent to Miss Tyson direct to above address, and friends should endeavour to send their gifts early; if possible, not later than November 25. The competition for the best dressed doll and the most charming toy (for details see last week's report) closes on November 25. An exhibition of the toys received will be held at 37, Drewstead Road on December 1 at 3 p.m., and a nominal entrance fee of 5d. will be charged, to help defray the cost of transporting goods to the Portman Rooms. Who will promise a supply of sweets, to be ready by December 7, in recognition of the charming dolls contributed by the Redhill W.S.P.U.? A special appeal for blouses for exchange is also made. Members who have promised plum-puddings, mince-meat, jams, or other Christmas fare are specially asked to send in their contributions to Leonora Tyson by Tuesday, November 28, or to bring them to the members' meeting that evening (see Streatham report). Many friends are thanked for toys received during the week. Many thanks to Miss Harriette Hennessy, M.D., whose response to the appeal made a fortnight ago, has promised to send a "nice, spruce fir" for the Christmas Tree, from her woods in County Cork.

WELSH STALL ..... Mrs. Wackwrich, Llan-sar, Caerleon, Mon.  
WOOLLEN STALL ..... Miss Sara Wheeler, Midleton Lodge, Cheltenham.  
CURIOS AND BRIC-A-BRAC ..... Miss Willson, 34, Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, S.W.  
OLD FOLK'S STALL .... Mrs. Keeling, 24, Bishop's Mansions, Fulham, S.W.



## PARCEL STALL.

Including paper, net and string bags.  
Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, Stenard Road, Palmer's Green, N.

Will members and friends please send all their gifts of bags and subscriptions to Miss Gargett as soon as possible? There will be another work-party on Thursday, November 21, at the Studio, 6, Stenard Road, at 7.30 p.m.

## POTTERY AND CHINTZ.

Mrs. Hicks, 178, Finchley Road, Hampstead.

Gratefully acknowledged towards expenses: Miss Nicholl, 5s.; Mrs. Priebsch, 10s. 6d.; Miss Gostling, 10s.; Miss Cashmere, 5s.; Mrs. Parr, 10s.; Mrs. Holiday, £1 1s.

## BLOUSE STALL.

Miss Jessie Pease, 347, Goswell Road, E.C.

Those who intend to contribute goods for this stall are asked kindly to send finished blouses, as the workers have plenty of material in hand, and cannot undertake any more. Trimmings of all sorts, and more workers for the evening sewing meetings at the Islington office, will be welcome. Those who have kindly promised blouses are asked to send them in by the end of the month.

## BOOK STALL.

Secs.—Miss Evelyn Sharp and Miss Crales, 143, Church Street, Kensington, W.

The secretaries wish to emphasize that second-hand or damaged books are not required, but that gifts of new books will be gladly received as soon as possible. They repeat their suggestion that bookbuyers should approach their bookseller and ask for a contribution in books, and, if acquainted with a publisher, should also approach him. The following are warmly thanked for gifts of books:—Mrs. Blyth, Miss Elsie Bowerman, Miss Brackenbury, Mr. Joseph Clayton, Miss Florence E. Cobb, Mrs. J. J. Flood, Mrs. C. Gordon Sloane, Miss E. L. Haverfield, Miss Hurry, Mrs. Mackenzie-Kennedy, Mr. H. W. Nevins, Miss Eleanor Whitehead. Gifts of money are acknowledged in "Campaign Throughout the Country."

## SOAP, SCENT, &amp; HANDKERCHIEFS.

Sec.—Miss Wilson, 5, East Cliff, Dover.

Will friends kindly send in all remaining gifts and donations as early as possible next week to Miss Wilson, to facilitate packing? It will be a great help if donors will price their gifts. Competitors for the Soap Collection prizes are asked to remember that to-morrow, Saturday, November 18, is the latest date for sending in their collections to Miss Worsfold, 45, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone. Gratefully acknowledged from Canterbury members:—Mrs. Williamson, handkerchiefs; Mrs. and Miss Paine, soap and handkerchiefs; the Misses Hawkins, handkerchiefs; Miss Medhurst, scent; Mrs. Williams, soap. Gratefully acknowledged from Folkestone members: Miss Key, sale of jam, 14s. 7d.; sale of old clothes, per Miss Worsfold, 18s. 6d.; collected by Miss Worsfold, 2s. 2d.; Miss Douglas, 5s. Also Miss Condy, handkerchiefs and soap; Miss Kate Donald, soap; Miss Phillips, handkerchief and scent sachets and handkerchiefs; Mrs. Kenny, handkerchiefs; Miss Miller, handkerchiefs. From Dover members: Mrs. Hay, 1s.; Miss S. Cromwell, hand-painted lavender and pot-pourri bags and soap.

## SPECIAL W.S.P.U. COLOUR STALL.

Secs.—Miss Fergus and Miss Vibert, 62, High Street, Hampstead.

It has been decided to have a W.S.P.U. Colours Stall, and Miss Fergus and Miss Vibert will be very glad if members will send the many contributions or miscellaneous articles in one or other of the colours. Grateful thanks for gifts already received: Mrs. Fergus, £2; Mrs. Fox-Edward, £1 1s.; Miss Goodlife, £1 5s.; Miss McKeckine, £1; Miss Carpenter, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Fergus, Russian hand-made bedspread; Mrs. Merryweather and Mrs. Moore, boxes of fancy articles; Miss Lawless, Oriental embroidery; Mr. Fergus, Persian curtains, table cover, and rugs.

## CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, 9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon.

The Pricing Committee have had a busy time marking, scheduling and packing finished articles. Should any remain unsold they will be offered for sale on the stall which will be a feature of the all-day programme on December 15 at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon Common. Many friends who have sent in gifts wish to remain anonymous. Thanks to Miss Ward for completing the tunic in spite of illness; Mrs. Blewett for gift of socks; Mrs. Gawthorpe for stockings brought all the way from America; Mrs. Jacobs for two charming frocks; Mrs. Prince for wool; Mrs. Harris for jersey and shoes; Lady Sybil Smith for various garments; Miss Durham and Mrs. Hunt likewise; Mesdames Skeate for babies' hats and bonnets; Mrs. Saunders for booties; Miss Nuthall and her several friends for beautifully completed work; Mrs. Pape for undertaking some fine sewing and Mrs. Skeate for finishing work. Thanks to Mrs. Vernon for enabling the stall to have a second wax model and Miss Manning for assisting with this and with the sign. Mr. Skeate is kindly making the John Burns Banana Crate Cot as the stall's sign. More good sewers are needed for the finishing touches. There is still much to do. A special feature of the stall will be a quantity of little vests knitted by Mary Gawthorpe during her long illness. Members may like to secure these as souvenirs. Gifts or finished work should be sent in as soon as possible to Mrs. Lamartine Yates. Workers! 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, at the Office, please, with thimbles and quick needles!

## HOUSE LINEN.

Sec.—Mrs. Walter Dodgson, Holmesley, Woodlesford, near Leeds.

The House Linen Stall should appeal specially to housewives, and it is hoped that many parcels of gifts will be received during the next week. All gifts most gladly welcomed.

## REFRESHMENT ROOM.

Promises of food to be sent to Mrs. Tuckwell, 4, Ingoldsby Mansions, Avonmore Road, West Kensington. Offers of help as waitresses in refreshment room should be sent to Mrs. Walter Sykes, 28, Whitehall Court, London, S.W.; Mrs. Hollings, Watchetts, Frimley; and to Miss Joan Dugdale, 13, Stanhope Place, Marble Arch, W.

No article should be sold from any stall except as clear profit to the funds of the Union, and no agreement with manufacturers or others as to percentage can under any circumstances be allowed.

## CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Members are reminded that at the present crisis one of the most important things is to get VOTES FOR WOMEN into the hands of the public. For this paper-sellers will be needed, and volunteers are asked to come forward and help their different local secretaries.

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

## BALHAM &amp; TOOTING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cockedge, 12, Foxbourne Road.

Please note that a drawing-room meeting will be held on Friday next (see programme), when it is hoped each member will be present, and will bring at least one friend. Best thanks to those who have sent in finished toys, and to the gentleman who kindly gave baskets for work parties.

## BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Sue Watt, 13, Strafford Road.

Members are reminded of the Jumble Sale on December 2. Mrs. Coleman has kindly undertaken to give a whistle drive in aid of local funds. Will others help in this way? Names of volunteers for the Deputation on November 21 should be sent to the Secretary. Gratefully acknowledged, Mrs. Kunzer, 6s.

## CAMBERWELL AND DULWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. J. D. Westbrook, 65, Caltion Road, Dulwich Village, S.E.

A most successful social gathering was held on Monday evening at Hansler Hall; Miss Wentworth was the speaker. Helpers are wanted to take chairs at meetings and to sell literature.

## CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock.

An open-air campaign (see programme) will be carried on until November 21, and helpers are wanted for paper selling, distributing leaflets, etc. The Committee desire to express their sincere regret at the departure of Captain and Mrs. Gonne, who have left for Bognor. Their help, especially in connection with the library, has been invaluable. With the kind help of Miss Wolfe and Mrs. Montgomery Smith and the generous gift of £5 from Mrs. Monck Mason the local Union has been able to take over the library, and gifts of books are needed. Lady Micklejohn has kindly consented to give a drawing-room meeting on December 1, when Lady Constance Lytton will be the speaker. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Worters, 15s. towards general expenses.

## CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 84, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.

A full attendance at the members' meeting on Monday next (see programme) is requested, as there is important work to arrange. Offers of drawing-rooms for meetings will be gladly received by the secretary.

## CROYDON.

Office—50, High Street. Tel. 969 Croydon (Nat.).

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

Thanks to all those who so kindly helped with the meeting on Monday, November 6. A great impression was made by Mr. Pethick Lawrence's clear rendering of the Insurance Bill from the woman's point of view. New premises have been taken in the main road—50, High Street. This is a big, but necessary, venture, and members are asked to support it in every way possible. Stewards are wanted for Stanley Hall, South Norwood, on November 20, in the afternoon, to help with the tea, sale of blouses, etc. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Slay, 1s.

## LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

November.					
Friday, 17	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.		
"	Croydon, Katherine Street	Miss L. Hall, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.		
"	Chelsea, Sloane Square	Miss Isabel Seymour	12.30 p.m.		
"	Hackney Baths, Lower Clapton Road	Miss M. Wright, Miss A. Jacobs	8 p.m.		
"	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Margaret Barry, Mrs. Barfield	8 p.m.		
"	Harroway, Burgoyne Road	Miss Haslam, Chair: Miss Rogers	8 p.m.		
"	Harroway, Prince of Wales (outside)	Work Party, Mrs. Wearden	8 p.m.		
"	Ilford, 24, Airie Gardens	Mrs. Sherwell Cooper, Mrs. Cook	3 p.m.		
"	Paddington, 8, Warwick Avenue (Women only)	Work Party	3 to 6 p.m.		
Saturday, 18	Battersea, Lavender Hill	Miss Elsa Myers	8 p.m.		
"	Clapton, Urswick Road, N.E.	Miss Naylor, Miss Gargett	8 p.m.		
"	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Lennox, Miss R. Hyams	8 p.m.		
"	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Wyatt	8 p.m.		
"	High Barnet, Market Place	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.		
"	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss Lennox, Miss Hoffman	7.30 p.m.		
"	Kensal Rise, School	N.W. London Members	7 p.m.		
"	Kensal Rise, School	Miss Hicks, Mrs. Scarborough	7 p.m.		
"	Lewisham, Market Place	Miss Nancy Lightman	6.30 p.m.		
"	Willesden Green, Library	Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett, Chair: Miss Hicks, M.A.	11.30 a.m.		
"	Wimbledon Broadway	Miss Vera Wentworth, Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3 p.m.		
"	Wimbledon Common	Miss Burton, Miss A. Jacobs	7.30 p.m.		
Monday, 20	Chelsea, World's End	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.		
"	Kensal Rise, School	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., Mr. Lansbury, M.P., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	3.15 p.m.		
"	Lavender Hill, 64, Elspeth Road	Mrs. Ackroyd, Major Fon, Sir Francis Vane	3 p.m.		
"	London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W.	Chair: Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B.	7.30 p.m.		
"	South Norwood, Stanley Hall	Leader, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 p.m.		
Tuesday, 21	Caxton Hall, Westminster	Work Party	3-5 p.m.		
"	Deputation to House of Commons	Dr. Gordon Clark, Miss Mackin	8 p.m.		
"	Lambeth, Brixton Station (near)	Sewing Meeting	6-9 p.m.		
"	Nutfield Place, Edgware Road	Work Party	2.30 p.m.		
"	97, Upper Clapton Road, N.E.	Work Party	2.30 p.m.		
"	Wimbledon, 9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway	Committee Meeting	5.30 p.m.		
Wednesday, 22	Chelsea, 4, Cheyne Row	Committee and members	8 p.m.		
"	308, King's Road	Miss Elsa Myers, Miss Wilson	8 p.m.		
"	Belling, 72, Argyle Road	Miss M. Harvey	8 p.m.		
"	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Mansell Moulin, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.		
"	Ilford, Manor Park, Earl of Essex (outside)	Work Party	3-6 p.m.		
"	Islington, Highbury Corner	Miss Bonwick, B.A., Victor Prout, Esq.	7 p.m.		
"	Paddington, 50, Prad Street	Miss E. Myers, Mrs. Gibbs	8 p.m.		
"	Streatham, 34, Hopton Road	Miss Abadam, Mrs. Lamartine Yates	8 p.m.		
"	Upper Holloway, Giesbach Road	Miss A. Jacobs, Miss Bowman	6.30 p.m.		
"	Willesden, Stonebridge, Melville Rd.	Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mr. H. H. Gripwood, Chair: Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.		
"	Wimbledon Common, Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road	Mrs. Cecil Chapman, Miss Humby	8 p.m.		
Thursday, 23	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Hostess: Mrs. Claude Bryer	8 p.m.		
"	137, High Street, I.L.P. Institute and Club	Work Party, Mrs. Long	8 p.m.		
"	Highgate, 7, Southwood Lawn Road	Debate, Miss Haslam	8 p.m.		
"	Drawing-room meeting	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., Mrs. Drummond, Miss L. Tyson	8 p.m.		
"	Ilford, 1, Balfour Road	Work Party	3-6 p.m.		
"	St. Luke's Institute, Ilford Lane	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.		
"	Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, W.	Miss L. Hall, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.		
Friday, 24	Streatham, 27, Coppel Park	Miss Lightman	8-10 p.m.		
"	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Work Party	8 p.m.		
"	Croydon, Katherine Street	Mrs. Drummond, Chair: Mrs. Rogers	8 p.m.		
"	Hackney Baths, Lower Clapton Rd.	Miss Lennox	8 p.m.		
"	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Work Party	3-6 p.m.		
"	Harroway, Prince of Wales (outside)	Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Miss L. Tyson	3 p.m.		
"	New Barnet, Railway Arch	Hostess: Mrs. Recordon	8 p.m.		
"	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road	Miss Rickards, Percy Hawkins, Esq.	7.30 p.m.		
"	3, 7, High Road, Piersfield				
"	Tufnell Park Tube, Boston				
"	Upper Tooting, 64, Hendham Road, Drawing-room meeting				

## FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—565, Fulham Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Cutten and Mrs. Roberts.

Gratefully acknowledged to Albert Hall Fund:—Miss Everitt, 2s.; Mrs. Kelling, 2s. 6d.; Miss Shannon, 1s.; Miss Hughesdon, 1s. 6d.; Miss Dubs, 6d.; Mrs. Beall, 1s.; Miss Gilliat, 1s.; Mrs. E. M. Smith, 2s.; Miss Roberts, 1s.; Miss Mackenzie, 2s. 6d.; Miss Chesson, 1s.; Miss Down, 2s.; Mrs. and Miss Richard, 5s.; Mrs. Fripp, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Tanner, 1s.; Miss Wrightson, 1s.; Miss Ross, 2s. 6d. Helpers are urgently needed for open-air meetings. Will they please call at the shop at 7.30 each evening.

## GREENWICH, DEPTFORD &amp; WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billingham, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

Members and friends who can canvass County Council candidates should undertake this task at once. Jumbies are wanted and can be sent to the hon. sec. Sixteen dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold in Woolwich during the week—thanks to energetic paper-sellers.

## HACKNEY.

Office—75, Lower Clapton Road.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 39, Pembury Road.

A meeting was held at the Hackney Baths on Friday, November 10. Mrs. Gillingham was the speaker. The meeting was well attended, and great interest was shown.

## HAMMERSMITH.

Office—26, Bridge Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haarb, elcher.

An entertainment of special interest and novelty will be given at Hampshire House Club, King's Street, on November 28. Tickets and bills can be obtained from Mrs. Rowe, 15, Hammersmith Terrace, W.; Mrs. Maund, 8, Edith Road, W.; Miss Carson, 40, Melrose Gardens, W.; Miss McKay, 11, Irving Mansions, Queen's Club Gardens, W.; and from the hon. sec. Will members and friends make a special point of disposing of tickets? The funds will go towards the rent of a shop. Offers of help for stewarding should be addressed to Mrs. Norrgren, 57, Kensington Hall Gardens, West Kensington.

## HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—178, Finchley Road.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier.

Local members are responding with enthusiasm to the call for volunteers for the deputation. A special meeting to explain the present political situation will be held on Sunday next (see programme). The Christmas Sale at the shop will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 29, when it is hoped that Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Brailsford will speak. The bi-weekly work parties will continue till December 1. Gratefully acknowledged, Mrs. Frazer, 1s.; Miss Nash, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Bull, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Marks, 1s.

## ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.

Barking new pitch was a great success. All papers sold out. It will be very helpful if members will read programme carefully and advertise the meetings in their own districts by chalking the night before. Helpers will be needed to sell at Blouse Stall. Blouses and subscriptions will be welcome. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Rock, diverted subscription, 5s.; Miss Knight, 1s.; Mrs. Haslam, 1s.; Miss Haslam, 1s.; Miss M. Harvey (promise) 2 Blouses; Mrs. Lang (promise) Blouse.

## ISLINGTON.

Office—347, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Cassarley.

In consequence of the political situation, an open-air campaign is being held. Will members volunteer

as chairmen or paper-sellers for meetings? Members are asked to do their utmost to attend the sewing meetings, which will be held at the Office almost every evening during the next two weeks; those who cannot may have work to take home.

## KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel., 2116 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp.

Owing to the change in the political situation, the municipal canvass is suspended, and canvassers are going from house to house instead. Good results are reported, three new subscriptions to the paper having been secured, one of these by Mrs. McKewen. The Misses Brackenbury are holding fine open-air meetings; at one in Westbourne Grove on Saturday morning they were sold out of papers and received a donation. In view of the deputation and renewal of militant tactics it is of first importance that the meeting in the Queen's Gate Hall on Monday, November 27, at 8 p.m., should be crowded: tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s. and 6d., are on sale at the shop, and members are asked to sell these to friends and to do all in their power to advertise the meeting. Speakers: Muriel, Countess de la Warr, Miss Elizabeth Robins and others. Miss Swan held a successful drawing-room meeting last week at which Dr. Flora Murray and Mr. Percy Vaughan spoke; the St. Barnabas Men's Club and the Executive of the North Kensington Men's Liberal Association have also been addressed by a Kensington speaker; and by the kindness of Mrs. Widgey a mothers' meeting was also turned into a Suffrage meeting. Next week Miss Hall and Miss Thomson have kindly consented to hold a meeting at which it is hoped Miss Brackenbury and Miss E. Wylie will speak. Warm thanks to the following for donations to bookstall:—Anon, 2s. 6d.; Miss Abbott, £1 1s.; Mr. Arnold Bennett, £1 1s.; Miss K. Ba-four, £1 1s.; Mrs. Birch, £1 1s.; the Misses Brackenbury, £1; Mrs. Bivarograt, £1; Mrs. McKewen, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Percival, £1 1s.; Mrs. Posnett, £1; Miss Streeter, £2 2s.; Miss Syms, 1s.; Miss Symonds, £1 1s.; Miss Watter, 2s.; Mrs. Hartley Withers, £2 2s.

## LAMBETH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. M. Hawkins, 60, Hackford Road, Brixton.

Mrs. Ball and Miss Gilliat spoke to an interested crowd on Tuesday, November 7. Paper sellers are wanted to establish a weekly pitch.

## LEWISHAM.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Christine Campbell, Miss C. Townsend. Office—28, Berlin Road, Catford.

Local members were invited to Catford Adult School on November 5. Another splendid meeting was held on Sunday, November 12, at which Miss Davidson was the speaker. A special effort is to be made to increase the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and an extra meeting has been arranged for to-morrow, Saturday. Jumbies should be sent to Miss Leigh, 62, Manor Park, Lee.

## NORTH ISLINGTON AND HORNSEY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryer, 49, Tufnell Park, N.

There was a crowded audience to hear Miss Brackenbury at Tollymore Park College on Thursday. The principal of the college presided, and expressed himself entirely on the side of women in their revolt against being ruled entirely by men. The Rev. F. M. Green, vicar of the parish, and Miss Bonwick also spoke. Mrs. Cecil Chapman will be the speaker at the next indoor meeting (see programme), when it is hoped that every member will bring at least one friend along. Gifts for the Presents for Men Stall are still needed.

## N.W. LONDON.

Office—218, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

On Monday evening the Kilburn Atheneum was crowded to overflowing, when an enthusiastic audience assembled to hear Mrs. Zangwill's delightfully witty lecture, "Aunt Sallies." An eloquent speech was delivered from the chair by Mrs. Herbert Cohen. A delightful programme provided by the Actresses' Franchise League followed, of which every item seemed perfect, though perhaps the hit was made by Miss Sydney Keith in her original and intensely funny recitations. A clever little child reciter, little Audrey Trainin (the daughter of a member), was also greatly appreciated. Eleven very successful open-air meetings have been held during the week, and a good sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN secured. It is hoped to hold a similar number this week to advertise the Deputation on November 21. Speakers and paper-sellers are wanted. The meeting at the I.L.P. Institute, Harlesden, on Thursday next is an important one owing to the present political situation. Will members do all they can to make it a huge success? Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. A. J. Webb, £1 10s.; Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 5s.; A. J. 1s.

## PINNER.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Terrace, Rockstone House.

The meeting at Hatch End on November 8 was a great success, and Mrs. Pertwee much interested the audience. Several new members joined.

## RICHMOND, KEW, AND KINGSTON.

Organiser—Miss Greenwood, 35, Selwyn Avenue, Richmond.

Dr. Russell Grant's drawing-room meeting was a great success. Many thanks to her and to Miss Nancy Grant for the charming way everything was arranged, Sir Eustace Piers kindly chaired. Lady Constance Lytton aroused much enthusiasm, and new members and five volunteers for the deputation were enrolled. The organiser would be glad of help in canvassing for the meeting on December 1.

## STREATHAM.

Shop and Office—5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.

A poster parade to advertise the deputation will leave the shop to-morrow (Saturday) morning, at 11.30 a.m. Volunteers are asked to send in their names to Miss Hilson immediately, and to be at 5, Shrubbery Road not later than 10 a.m. The next members' meeting will be held at the shop on Tuesday, November 28, at 8 p.m., when those contributions to the Toy Stall which have not already been sent in will be welcomed. Additional help is greatly needed on the paper pitch. A drawing-room meeting is being arranged by the kindness of Mrs. Recordon on Friday, November 24. Hon. Mrs. Haverfield being the speaker, Mrs. Recordon will be pleased to supply invitation cards to any members who would like to introduce friends. Gratefully acknowledged: Anon, 5s.; Miss B. C. Blackman, for shop fund, 4s.; Mrs. Prosser, 2s. 5d.

## WALTHAMSTOW.

Organiser—Miss E. Graw, 11, Sylvan Road. Shop—235, Hox Street.

Members have been busy advertising Miss Pankhurst's meeting. Miss Elsa Myers, who spoke at Friday's outdoor meeting in place of Mrs. Drummond, made a deep impression on the large crowd. Two dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN and several tickets for the meeting were sold and a good collection was taken. The Shop is attracting a good deal of attention and members are again asked to patronise it. Shop minders are wanted from 10 to 1 or 1 to 5. Many thanks to Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Snelling and Miss Squires for furniture. More is wanted and Miss Graw will be pleased to send for anything members may have to give or lend.

## WANDSWORTH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Threder Chapman, 67, Gorst Road, S.W.

A most successful drawing-room meeting was held at "Oakshade," Chiswick Road, Wandsworth Common, by the kind hospitality of the Misses Saunders, on November 7. Lady Constance Lytton was the speaker, and those present were much interested. A good collection was taken and new members were enrolled. Will those intending to send goods for Christmas Fete and Fair stall, send them not later than November 28?

## WEST HAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss D. M. Hooper, Old Manor Farm, Squirrels Heath, Essex.

The appeal for Jumble Sale contributions has been well responded to. Heartly thanks to Mrs. Moore, Mrs.



Stewart, Mrs. Friedlander, Mrs. Gurney, Miss Margulson and Miss Morgan for their very acceptable parcels, and to Miss Widdicombe, Miss Dawes and Miss Brown for their financial support. On November 30 Mrs. Drummond will speak at the Grove, Stratford, at 8 p.m., and paper-sellers and other helpers are wanted.

#### WIMBLEDON.

Shop and Office—8, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1092, P.O. Wimbledon.  
Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merion, Surrey.

The Lecture Hall on Wednesday, November 8, was so full that even gallery seats were occupied. Mrs. Lamartine Yates was in the chair, and Miss Emily Green, at a few hours' notice, kindly took the place of Miss Margaret McMillan, who had been suddenly seized with illness. Her speech was much appreciated. The Rev. G. T. Sadler, who followed, struck a deeply spiritual note. Albert Hall tickets and literature sold freely, and many strangers expressed their intention of coming again. Next week Miss Abraham will address the meeting on "Cabinet Sirens." As this will close the autumn series it is specially hoped all members will attend and bring friends. Details of the function to be held the whole afternoon and evening of December 15, at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon Common, will probably be announced. In view of the deputation on November 21 it will be necessary to postpone the Jumble Sale, but parcels can continue to be sent to Dorset Hall. Will volunteers for this deputation send in their names at once to Mrs. Lamartine Yates? Sellers and sandwich carriers are also wanted to assist Mrs. Feather and Miss Lee. In spite of very rough weather the Broadway meeting was held. Mr. Mackintosh addressed a large crowd and Mrs. Dorey sold papers and literature well and a collection was taken. The Sunday Common meeting was held between storms. Mrs. McKewen and Mrs. Lamartine Yates explained the new political situation.

#### Home Counties.

##### BEDFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Smet, 23, Gollington Avenue.  
A prettily decorated stall attracted attention in the market on Saturday, at which literature was sold, and handbills of the Town Hall meeting were distributed; three dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. Will members who are going to steward be at the Town Hall by 5.30 p.m.?

Fri., Nov. 17.—Town Hall, Lady Constance Lytton, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Rev. Claude Hinscliff, 8 p.m.

##### BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

Shop: 29, Station Road. Organiser—Miss Bowker.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Holden, 19, Eversley Road.  
The Victoria Hall meeting was well-attended. Miss Richardson's admirable remarks in the chair, and Miss Seymour's speech were listened to with great interest. Many thanks to those who worked hard to make the meeting a success. The attention of members and friends is drawn to the At Home to be held next Monday (see below). Volunteers for the Deputation on November 21, are asked to send in their names at once to the organiser.

Tues., Nov. 21.—Bexhill, Manor Farm Tea Rooms, At Home, Miss G. Brackenbury, 4-6 p.m.

##### BOURNEMOUTH.

Office—221, Old Church Street, Bournemouth.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Blackledge.

Will members who intend volunteering for the Deputation on November 21 kindly call at the office? Those friends who have been making things for the Christmas Fair are asked to send their contributions to the Office this week, as they must reach London before November 24. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Oaler, 5s.; Mrs. Durant, 2s.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.  
Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4333 Nat.  
Organiser—Miss O. Allen.

The organiser wishes to thank all those members who helped to make the Pavilion At Home on November 6 a success. She also wishes to thank the friends and sympathisers through the country who have been sending beautiful embroideries and lace for the Sussex stall. Miss Hicks, prevented by rain, on Saturday from holding a meeting, had a most appreciative audience on Sunday. Miss Kelly will (weather permitting) speak at the sea front meetings to-morrow (Saturday) and on Sunday. West Sussex members going on the Deputation are asked to send their names to the organiser.

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.  
Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Hensley, Trevarra, 30, Bouvier Road West, Folkestone.

A much interested and very sympathetic audience at the Town Hall meeting in Folkestone on Wednesday, November 8, passed a resolution with only three dissentients, protesting against the recent action of the Government. Miss Goldstein's fine speech evoked much interest, and the reception accorded to Miss Housman showed that Kentish people appreciated her splendid stand for constitutional principles. Heartly thanks to Mrs. Smart for her kind hospitality to the speakers, to Miss Worsfold for superintending the stewards and tickets, to Mrs. Hartley for superintending the literature in Miss Key's absence, and to all those whose energetic efforts helped to get up the meeting. Friends are asked to concentrate now on the soap, scent, and handkerchief stall.

#### CHORLEY WOOD (HERTS).

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. H. M. Offer, "Home Cot."  
Many thanks to Mrs. Lyncock for so kindly giving the first Suffrage Tea, which proved a complete success. Miss Joachim was the speaker, and a nice amount of literature was sold. Gratefully acknowledged for Hertfordshire Stall: Miss Fleet, one linen embroidered towel shawl; Mrs. Harvey, one parcel of valuable pieces for working up. For general expenses: Miss Joachim (travelling expenses), 1s. 6d. The Hon. Sec. appeals to every member to do her utmost towards making the next Hotel Meeting (November 24) a great success. Members and friends are again reminded that contributions for the Stall must be sent in by November 25.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.  
Organiser—Miss D. A. Bowker, Shop: 8, Trinity Street, Hastings. Telephone N. 754.

Miss Seymour's visit was greatly appreciated, and the local Press gave good reports of her speech. New members were made and there was a good sale of shop goods. Thanks to Miss Thomas and her helpers for the successful management of the tea. There was a splendid response to the appeal for promises of donations to the Albert Hall Fund. Gratefully thanks to Miss Willis for 21 donations (committed last week). Members are urged to consider their duty with regard to the Deputation, and if possible to send in their names.

Sat., Nov. 18.—Hastings, Wellington Square. Miss G. Brackenbury, 8 p.m.; Sidley, The Green, Miss G. Brackenbury, 3 p.m.  
Mon., Nov. 20.—Hastings, 8, Trinity Street, At Home, Miss G. Brackenbury, 4-6 and 8 p.m.

HITCHIN, LETCHWORTH, & DISTRICT.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Goodliffe, Elm Tree House, Letchworth; Mrs. E. B. Impey, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin.

Fri., Nov. 17.—"Fairlocks," Sollerishott, W., Work Party, Mrs. Muncester, 3-7 p.m.

#### OXFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Graham, 21, Werham Road.  
Many thanks to Miss Davenport Hill for kindly giving a suffrage At Home on November 8 and to Mrs. Mansel for her deeply interesting speech. Volunteers for the Deputation should send in their names at once. Those members who cannot go are asked to make a special effort to help the Cause by every other means in their power.  
Mon., Nov. 20.—Martyrs' Memorial, M.P.U., 7 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.  
Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 61, Oxford Street, Southampton.

Volunteers for the deputation should send their names to the organiser at once. Portsmouth members

must now work their hardest to make the Albert Hall meeting on December 1 a great success. Speakers: The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield and the Rev. Ivory Cripps, B.A. The date of Southsea entertainment will be announced later. It has been decided to have the Southampton Sale of Work in the spring. In the meantime the weekly sewing meetings will be kept up, and orders for underclothing, etc., will be executed and the money given to the funds. Contributions to material fund are urgently needed. It is hoped that a whist drive will be arranged in Southampton during the second week in December. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Garrett Bailey, 10s. and parcel of things for Lazar; Mrs. Hewitt, 1s.; Miss Peacock, 2s.; Mrs. Seymour, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Il rvey, 6d.; Mrs. Hunt, 1s.; Mrs. Applin, 1s.; Mrs. Shaw, 6d.; Miss Baldwin, 1s.; Miss Lewis, 6d.; Fiailein Freideberg, 8d. Prof. on Portsmouth Jumble sale, £3 18s. 10½d. Mon., Nov. 10.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 7.15 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 21.—Portsmouth, 85, Elm Grove, afternoon meeting.  
Wed., Nov. 22.—Southampton, Naimi Tal, College Place, sewing meeting, 3.30 to 6 p.m.  
Thurs., Nov. 23.—Portsmouth, 4, Pelham Road, members' meeting, 6 p.m.

#### READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office—49, Market Place.  
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss O. L. Cobb.

Miss Douglas Smith was the speaker at the meeting which took place over Simon's Café, and a good collection was taken. The blouse-making is getting on well, but extra "hands" would be welcome for the last few meetings. Many thanks to Miss Brass and Miss Portsmouth for blouse lengths and to Miss Duff for a hand-made lace blouse.

Tues., Nov. 21 and Fri., Nov. 24.—Sewing Meetings, 2.30 p.m.  
Fri., Nov. 24.—Open-air Meeting, Mrs. Leigh.

#### REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cather, The Red Cottage, Cavendish Road.

A most interesting lecture was given by Miss Day, Hon. Sec. C.L.W.S. in the Carlton Room on Wednesday, November 8. An excellent collection was taken. Gifts towards the sweet-stall are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Gonne and Miss Waldron.  
Wed., Nov. 22.—Carlton Room, members' meeting, 6 p.m.

#### STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bland, "Mlowera."

The committee appointed pro tem. are: Hon. Sec., Miss Bland; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Grant; VOTES FOR WOMEN Secs., Mrs. Nicholls and Mrs. Cecil Bayliss. Thanks to sympathisers' generosity, members were able to drive out into the surrounding villages in a decorated brake. They were received with enthusiastic interest. Miss Bland will be glad to receive names and addresses of sympathisers and helpers, as there is a great deal of work to be done.

#### WEST AND NORTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss Evelyn Billing, 154, Canterbury Road, Gillingham.

Owing to the Deputation on November 21, Mrs. Drummond will be unable to speak in Gillingham, on that night as advertised. The organiser has there decided to postpone indefinitely the meeting. She appeals for volunteers in all parts of the district to undertake house-to-house selling of VOTES FOR WOMEN, so that the public may know the truth about what is going on at this critical time. Gratefully acknowledged: Anon. (H), 10s.; Anon. per M. C. R., 5s.

#### WOKING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Horace Barrett, Maybury Croft, Heathside.

Will members attend the meeting (see below) and bring their friends with them? Members are reminded that papers and badges may be had at above address.

Mon., Nov. 20.—Maybury Croft, Heathside Avenue, the Hon. Mrs. Haversfield, 3.15 p.m.

### The Midlands.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—67, John Bright Street. Tel. 1413 Midland.  
Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

Members are urged to volunteer for the Deputation on November 21st. Many thanks to Miss Webster for the Life of Grace Darling which she has given to the Library. Members will be sorry to hear of the death of Miss Clayworth, who was an active member of the local Union. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Menke, 21, in memory of Miss Clayworth. Members please note that November 24 is the last date for sending in goods for Christmas Fair. Miss Green will be glad if they are sent in earlier if possible.

Tues., Nov. 21.—Burdett Women's Labour League, Miss Gladys Hazel, 8 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 22.—Queen's College, Lady Meyer, Chair; Miss Dugdale, 8 p.m.

COVENTRY, LEAMINGTON, WARWICK, RUGBY, AND STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Office—33, Earl Street, Coventry. Organiser—Miss Markwick.

The Earl of Lytton and Miss Margaret Ashton addressed a packed and enthusiastic meeting at the Winter Hall, Leamington, on Tuesday, November 7. The Rev. Ingram Brooke was in the chair. On Thursday, November 9, a very interesting meeting was held at the Priory Row Assembly Rooms. Miss Markwick and Miss Dugdale were the speakers. Subscriptions towards the fares of those who have volunteered for the Deputation and cannot afford to pay for themselves will be welcomed.

Thurs., Nov. 23.—Priory Row Assembly Rooms, 7.30 p.m.

#### KINGSWINFORD.

Organiser—Miss Bertha Ryland, 97, John Bright Street, Birmingham.

The reception at Kingwinford was very successful, great sympathy being aroused by Rev. Claude Hinscliff's address. Miss Evans's appeal for funds was generously responded to, and new members were enrolled. Members and friends are asked to lend their drawing-rooms, etc., for meetings.

Wed., Nov. 22.—Pensnett, National Schools, Women's meeting, Miss Dorothy Evans, 8 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel. 1718 Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

Owing to the fact that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will lead the Deputation on November 21 the meetings arranged for her on November 22 and 23 have to be abandoned. Members who cannot join the Deputation must do their utmost to get VOTES FOR WOMEN into the hands of as many new readers as possible. Only another full week remains for working for the Christmas Fair. Members, come along and help. Ask your friends and relatives for gifts of goods and money and do what you can yourselves to give towards the material fund. £7 is needed, and it must be paid off before the Fair commences. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Fordham, £1 10s.; Miss Logan, £2; Miss D. Coles, 2s. 6d.; Miss G. Coles, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Buckley, 10s. Mrs. West, 2s. 6d.; Miss West, 2s. 6d.; Miss F. M. Keomans, overall and dress; Miss Pegg, cooking aprons.

Fri., Nov. 17 and Nov. 24.—St. Martin's G.P.S. Room, Sewing Meeting, 3-9 p.m.

#### LICHFIELD.

Organiser—Miss Bertha Ryland, The Nigster Cafe, Lichfield.

Will friends who are willing to help at Lady Mayer's Reception send in their names to Mrs. Cooper, King Edward VI. School, Lichfield, as soon as possible? Expenses in connection with the Lichfield campaign are very heavy and donations will be most welcome.



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Office—8, Carlton Street, Tel. 4511.  
Organisers—Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker.

Many thanks to Mrs. and Miss Wallis for arranging a most successful drawing-room meeting on Friday last, when Mrs. Saul Solomon spoke. Mrs. Bolton presided and new members were enrolled. Members who have tickets for the meeting on Wednesday should send in those unsold on or before Tuesday, November 21. Gratefully acknowledged towards material fund: Miss Burgess (tea), 3s. 2d.; Miss Petty, 19s.; Mrs. Hutchinson (tea), 2s. 8d.; Mrs. Sakoshansky, 2s. 6d.; Miss Luing, 10s.; Mrs. Everett, 2s. 6d.; Miss Burgess, 10s.; Mrs. Cowan, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Thornton, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Millerclipp, 2s. 6d.; Miss Roe, 2s. 6d.; Miss Wallis (tea), 5s. 4d.; Mrs. Lees (tea), 2s.; the Misses Gould, 5s.; Mrs. Simon (tea), 1s. 4d.; Miss Smith, 5s.; M. as Graves, 1s.; Mrs. Barber, 1s.; Mrs. Morell (tea), 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Shaw (tea), 2s. 10d.; Miss Leman, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Evans (tea), 3s. 7d.; Miss Hutchinson (making undershirt), 5s.; Mrs. Holgate (tea), 4s. 4½d.; Mrs. Hutchinson (sale of wrap), 2s.; Mrs. Cowdell, 5s.; Misses Roberts and Crocker (tea), 4s. 2d.; Dr. R. Hudson, 22s.; Mrs. Rothera (tea), 2s.; Mrs. Wright (tea), 3s. 4d.  
Sat., Nov. 18.—Rummage Sale, 3 p.m.  
Thurs., Nov. 23.—59, Forest Road, Sewing Meeting, Mrs. Rothera, 3-6.30 p.m.

### West of England.

#### BATH.

Shop—13, Walcot St. Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

The deep indignation felt at the Government's proposals has galvanised all members into fresh activity. Much feeling was shown at the weekly meeting on Saturday and names were given in for the deputation. Mrs. Brailsford's speech was greatly appreciated. Work in preparation for the great meeting of protest against the Manhood Suffrage at the Guildhall on Monday, November 20, is being actively carried on. Help is needed in clerical work in the shop and office to free others for canvassing, chalking, and open-air meetings. A poster parade to advertise the meeting will start from the shop to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock. A liberal woman who cannot get into Lord George's meeting is sending the price of the ticket to the W.S.P.U. funds, hoping others will do the same. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Eric Hambro, 25s.; Mrs. Kidston, 21s.; Mrs. Kayes, 10s.; Miss Cicely Wroughton, 10s.; and delightful contributions to stall from Mrs. Price (Letchworth), Mrs. Cole, Miss Steward, Miss Elvey, Mrs. Graham, Miss Hancock, and Anon.  
Fri., Nov. 17.—Saw Close, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.  
Sat., Nov. 18.—Assembly Rooms, Miss Isabel Green, Chair: Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.  
Mon., Nov. 20.—Guildhall, Mr. Laurence Housman, Rev. J. Ivory Cripps, B.A. Chair: Councillor T. Vesey, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 26.—Assembly Rooms, Mrs. F. Cavendish Bentinck, Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.

#### BRISTOL.

Office—27, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1243.  
Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Dove-Wilcox.

Work is progressing for the Fete and Fair. The organiser trusts that members will send in their names for the deputation. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Slade, 2s. 6d.; Collection, £1 6s. 8d.; Mrs. Newman, 2s.; Miss A. James, £1 10s.; Collection, 4s. 6d.  
Mon., Nov. 20.—Victoria Rooms, At Home, Mrs. Montague, 3.30 p.m.; 1, Hanbury Road, Work Party, 6.30 p.m.  
Fri., Nov. 24.—Clifton, 47, Canynge Road, Work Party, 3 p.m., Poster Parade, 11 a.m.

#### CIRENCESTER.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Divas, Cecil Hill.

A most successful meeting was held last Thursday evening, at which Mrs. Pethick Lawrence spoke (see page 101). Unfortunately at the last moment Lord Lytton was unable to attend.

#### FALMOUTH AND PENRYN.

Hon. Organiser—Mrs. F. Corbett, The Bungalow.  
Joint Secs.—Mrs. Pascoe, Mrs. English.

The first social evening was held at Malin's Hall on Wednesday, November 8. The Hon. Organiser explained the Conciliation Bill, and then referred with indignation to the announcement of the Manhood Suffrage Bill. The next social evening will be on Wednesday, November 22. Men as well as women will be welcomed. Over 50 papers are sold weekly.

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Organiser—Miss Flatman, Oak Villa, Stratford Road, Stroud.

Names of volunteers for the deputation on November 21 should be sent in immediately. It is hoped that every district will be well represented. Stroud members and friends are asked to send in their goods and donations for the Christmas Fair and Fete without delay. Many thanks to Mrs. Dines for 18s. 6d. for goods sold, also to Miss Ida Henderson for £2 10s. for goods made and sold by her during her holiday, and to Miss Henderson for 6s. for sale of gollywogs.

Thurs., Nov. 23.—Stroud, Holloway Institute, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Flatman, chair; Rev. E. H. Hawkins.

#### ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. du Santoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe.

Hon. Lit. Secretary—Miss Ball, Nursing Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.

Bags, when finished, must be sent to Miss Ball, as the secretary will be in London for the deputation.

#### NEWQUAY.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.) Miss Clames, Llangath.

A most successful and well-attended meeting was held in the Dolphin Hall on Friday last. Miss Clames took the chair; Mrs. Langford and Miss Edith Williams were the speakers. Literature was sold out and a collection of £1 8s. 6½d. taken. It was decided to form a local branch, and Miss Clames has most kindly undertaken the duties of hon. sec. to start it. It is hoped that all members and sympathisers will help to build up a strong union.

#### TORQUAY AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Hutton, Redlands, Paignton.

The last day for receiving contributions to the stall is Wednesday, November 22. Work will be taken on that day to Mrs. Haines', Seawood, St. Andrew's Road, Paignton. All articles to be priced by givers. Will any member who has not yet contributed please bring some gift either in kind or money?

#### WEST WILTS.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Harris, 15, West Street; Miss B. Gramlick, Springfield, Hilperton Road, Trowbridge.

The meeting on November 30 is drawing nearer, and it is hoped that all members will do their utmost to sell tickets and bring as many friends as they can. Gratefully acknowledged: Contribution from Miss A. Lansdowne for West of England Stall; towards banner, Mrs. Walter, 1s.; Mrs. Harris, 6d.; Miss Lansdowne, 6d.

#### YEovil.

Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.

Thursday's meeting was crowded with women, many of whom afterwards handed in their names and promised to become members. A lady has since written to say she is following up the meeting with an At Home. Will any others follow her excellent example? Names of sympathisers and volunteers for working up the public meeting to be held here later on will be welcome.



## Wales.

## BARRY.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. G. Jones, 220, Gladstone Road.  
A successful At Home was addressed by Miss Tyson on November 8; several new members joined. Will all members send 1s. towards Vale of Clwyd toys and a gift for the Welsh stall to Miss Walton? Members are also reminded of the sale of work in aid of local funds on December 2. Time is getting short and the need for funds is urgent.

## NEWPORT.

Office—11, Stow Hill, Newport, Mon.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth.

A very successful and crowded meeting was held at the Town Hall, U.K., on Wed., Nov. 8, when Miss Edith Pridden and Miss Williams spoke. At the end of the meeting a resolution in favour of tax-paying women having the vote was carried with only one dissentient. This was the first suffrage meeting ever held in U.K. Gratefully acknowledged: "Vale of Clwyd" Toys 1s. Fund: Miss Perman, 1s.; Miss Waters, 1s.; Miss Henry, 1s.; Miss Willmetts, 2s.; Mrs. Davidson, 6d.; Mrs. Greer, 2s.; Mrs. Gregory, 1s.; Miss Bowrah, 1s.; Miss Baines, 1s.; Mrs. Griffiths, 7s.; Miss Griffiths, 1s.; Miss Deacon, 1s.; Miss Morrison, 1s.  
Mon., Nov. 20.—11, Stow Hill, Sewing Meeting, 3.15 p.m.  
Wed., Nov. 22.—Temperance Hall, Room No. 2, At Home, Miss Evelyn Sharp, 3.30 p.m.

## Eastern Counties.

**IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.**  
Shop—Dial Lane, Ipswich. Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich. Shop Sec.—Miss King.  
A working women's meeting was held in Ipswich last Saturday evening, when a speech on the present situation was given by Miss Margaret West, and the resolution demanding the immediate abandonment of the Manhood Suffrage Bill was carried with only one dissentient. Many of the women present offered to help for the first time, and are distributing handbills for the meeting to be held in the Co-operative Hall on Friday, November 24. Members are asked to do all they can to make this meeting a great success.

**Stowmarket.**—Members and friends are asked to make the Rev. Claude Hinesciff's meeting in the Institute Hall (see below) as widely known as possible. Tickets and handbills can be obtained from Mrs. Peacock Morland, Stowmarket, who is making all arrangements.  
Tues., Nov. 21.—Felixstowe, Sorrento, Leopold Road, work party, 2.30-5.30 p.m.  
Thurs., Nov. 23.—Stowmarket, Institute Hall, Miss Margaret West, the Rev. Claude Hinesciff, 8 p.m.  
Fri., Nov. 24.—Ipswich Co-operative Hall, 8 p.m.

## MARCH.

Organiser—Miss Grace Roe. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Levett, Broad Street, March.  
Miss Vida Goldstein addressed an interested and enthusiastic audience in the Public Hall last Friday, and the resolution, which was seconded by the Rev. W. T. Walker, was carried unanimously. Several new members were enrolled. Mrs. Levett is to be specially thanked for organising this meeting as she has little time at her disposal. Thanks also to Mrs. and the Misses Norman, Miss Shuman, Miss Bates, Miss Stafford, Mrs. Hibling, Mrs. Hicth and Mrs. Cor. Miss Wayman and others. Members are now asked to send promises of gifts for the Christmas Fair to Mrs. Levett as early as possible.

## NORWICH AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Margaret West, 6, Essex Street, Norwich.  
An active campaign is being opened in Norfolk, and the organiser is anxious to get in touch as soon as possible with all members and friends in the district. Will those who have not already been communicated with please write to her at above address? A series of drawing room meetings is being arranged, and the organiser will be glad to hear from anyone who will kindly lend a drawing room during the last week in November or the first three weeks in December.  
**Yarmouth:** The organiser addressed the Yarmouth meeting on November 10, on the political situation. Miss E. Guthrie thanks Miss B. Smith for her contribution (2s.) towards work-party fund.

## North-Eastern Counties.

**HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.**  
Organiser—Miss Annie Williams, 1, Fitzwilliam St. West, Huddersfield.  
Meetings have been held in Halifax and Huddersfield during the week. Mrs. Wright and Miss Venham made excellent chairwomen. The organiser appeals strongly to members to make themselves responsible for making these fortnightly meetings known. Mrs. Dixon, Miss Witton, and the Misses Holroyd are arranging meetings for the organiser at Bland, Halifax, and Huddersfield. Will other members follow their example? Thanks to Mrs. Wright and her friend for articles for Christmas Fair. Miss Lettice Floyd will be glad to meet volunteers for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN outside the Town Hall to-day, Friday, at 7 p.m.  
Sun., Nov. 19.—Huddersfield, Temperance Hall, Women's P.S.A., Miss Annie Williams, 3 p.m.  
Tues., Nov. 21.—Halifax, Mechanics' Institute, Miss Annie Williams, 8 p.m.  
Fri., Nov. 24.—Huddersfield, Parochial Hall, Miss Kilburn and Miss Annie Williams, 3.30 p.m.

## HULL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Trill, 103, Colman Street.  
A successful social meeting was held in the Odd-fellows' Hall on Thursday, November 2. Mrs. Marshall presided and Mrs. Walter Holmes was the speaker. Thanks to all those who so generously contributed refreshments. Through the energy of the VOTES FOR WOMEN Secretary nearly ten dozen copies have been sold in the streets during the last fortnight. Mrs. Holmes would be glad to receive names of members who can help her.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Office—3, Cookridge Street.  
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.  
Members are asked to attend the Tuesday evening At Home. Excellent speakers have been secured for November. Volunteers for the deputation on November 21 should send in their names to the organiser immediately. The organiser will be glad to give further advice and information as to the present situation and the work required, and members are asked to call on her at the office any morning from 10 to 12 and at other times by appointment.  
Mon., Nov. 20.—Clarendon Square, Clarendon Club, Miss Mary Phillips, 8 p.m.; 3, Cookridge Street, Work Party, 7.30 p.m.  
Tues., Nov. 21.—3, Cookridge Street, At Home, Miss J. Miller Wilson, 7.30 p.m.

## NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—7, Blackett Street.  
Organiser—Miss Laura Ashworth.  
The organiser will be glad to receive invitations to address meetings among the following unions: Co-operative Guilds, L.L.P., Liberal Associations, Trades Unions, Labour League, etc. Militant action costs money, and those who cannot take part actively can always help by contributing to the fund. All plans for the new campaign which will be inaugurated owing to the Government's pronouncement will be given later. Members and friends are asked to volunteer to follow Mrs. Pettick Lawrence on Tuesday, November 21.  
Wed., Nov. 22.—Office At Home 7.30 p.m.

## SHEFFIELD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. A. Jones, 1, The Terrace.  
The Hummer Sale will be held on Monday, December 2. Contributions may be sent to the date, as in

receipt of a postcard will be called for. Many thanks to Mrs. Wickman for pickles and to Mrs. Wardell for coffee and cakes for sale. Shop stewards are required in the absence of Miss Harvey, who has volunteered for the deputation on November 21. Will those members who cannot go on the deputation make it a point of honour to carry on the work relinquished temporarily by those going on "danger duty"?

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Office—33-35, Chapel Walk, Sheffield.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Coxhill.  
Members are asked to volunteer for the deputation on November 21. They are also asked to call at the shop to keep in touch with all the latest news. Volunteers to speak at open-air meetings are urgently needed. The Jumble Sale has been fixed for December 9. Contributions and offers of help will be gratefully received at the office. Members are invited to bring their friends to tea on Tuesdays.

## YORK.

Office—4, New Street, Telephone, 692.  
Organiser—Miss Key-Jones.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 33, Melbourne Street.  
On Tuesday, November 7, Miss Agnes Sumfield addressed a large open-air meeting in the market place. Miss Key-Jones took the chair. Miss Westrope was hostess at the weekly sewing meeting tea. The organiser urges those unable to attend these meetings to promise articles. Please come forward and sell VOTES FOR WOMEN at the great open-air meeting held the same day as the Deputation to Westminster (November 21).  
Fri., Nov. 17.—Exhibition Square, Mrs. Coultate, Miss Key Jones, 7 p.m.  
Tues., Nov. 21.—Market Place, Miss Agnes Sumfield, Dr. Waller, 7.30 p.m.

## North-Western Counties.

**BIRKENHEAD.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, 2.  
Will members now rally round the VOTES Sec., and help her to make a record sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN during the next few weeks? Two pitches were set going on Friday and Saturday, and all papers were sold out.

**BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.**  
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton.  
It has been decided to co-operate with Manchester in the Sale of Work to be held on December 2. Will members the core please forward any articles to Mrs. Farrington as early as possible, priced? Gratefully received: Already acknowledged, 22 2s.; P. W. Coope, Esq., 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Almond, 22 2s.; Miss B. Coope, 21 1s.; Mrs. Farrington, 21 1s.; VOTES FOR WOMEN, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Hutchinson, 2s. 6d.; Miss Hutchinson, 2s. 6d.; Miss P. Spafford, 2s.; Miss Martin, 1s. 6d.; Miss Marston, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. E. Coope, 2s. 6d.; Miss S. W. Holden, 2s. 6d.  
Fri., Nov. 17.—Tonge Moore Congregational School, Miss Bertha Lee, 7.30 p.m.

**LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.**  
Office—11, Renshaw Street, Tel.: 5761 Royal.  
Organiser—Miss Davies.  
Members are reminded of the important meeting to-night (Friday).  
Fri., Nov. 17.—Office, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.

**MANCHESTER.**  
Office—32, King Street, W.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Williamson.  
Members are urged to send in their names for the Deputation on November 21, and to rally next week to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN. The office will be open every day, 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Members' Meeting in the office every Thursday. A sale of work will be held on December 2; admission by programme, price 6d; music and palmistry in afternoon.

**PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.**  
Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 34, Winkley Square, Preston; Mrs. Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.  
Fri., Nov. 24.—Preston, 17, Cannon Street, Members' Business Meeting, 8 p.m.

**WALLASEY.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Mahood, Burrough Bridge, Lancs.  
Mrs. F. Heathcote, 21, St. Martin's Lane, Liscaud.  
There is only a fortnight more to work before sending contributions to the Christmas Fair and Fête. Many thanks for gifts and promises already sent in. Will all who can spare half-an-hour any evening before the Sun Hall meeting help to distribute leaflets? Names should be sent to Mrs. Heathcote.

## Scotland.

**ABERDEEN.**  
Organiser—Miss Lillias Mitchell.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Emily Fussell, 43, Hartington Road.  
A shop has been secured in a central part of the city. Literature, badges, and general "purple, white, and green" goods will be on sale; also a stock of free leaflets dealing with all sides of the Woman's Movement. Members are asked to make this widely known and to bring their friends along. A Shop Fund is being started. All subscriptions will be warmly welcomed. It is hoped that with members' assistance the shop will be open from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. Will all those willing to help in this way please give their names to Miss Fussell? Open-air meetings will be held throughout the city to explain the anti-Government policy, and members are asked to help with these.

**DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.**  
Office—51, Rothergals. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.  
On Monday, November 6, the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield spoke at a drawing-room meeting, kindly arranged by Mrs. Scott, of Heath Park, Blairgowrie. Mrs. Haverfield's earnest appeal quickly found a response amongst those present. New members were made, and VOTES FOR WOMEN sold well. A particularly interesting subject was introduced by Dr. Julia Pringle at the last weekly At Home, "The Advance of Medical Women." The organiser wishes to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Rolfe, who provided for the collecting of goods for recent Jumble Sale. The office secretarial work is handicapped for want of a second desk; can a member or sympathiser supply this, no matter how primitive? Volunteers for the deputation can still be arranged for. Will those members who cannot do militant work make it possible for those who are willing to go but who are deterred on account of expense?  
Sat., Nov. 18.—Flower Market Stall, 9.10 p.m.  
Wed., Nov. 22.—Upper Gillbar Hall, Miss Isamu Ainsworth, 8 p.m.

**EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.**  
Office—5, Balaclava Place, Queensberry Street.  
Shop Secretary—Miss Edith Hudson.  
Organiser—Miss Lillias Mitchell. Tel.: 6183 Central.  
A large number of women municipal electors attended a meeting in the Waverley Park School on Tuesday, November 7, and were intensely interested in Mrs. Haverfield's exposition of the need of the vote; a number of new members were made. Many thanks to Mrs. Maxtone Graham for the Drawing-room Meeting which she kindly arranged for Mrs. Haverfield on Wednesday. On Thursday Miss Hudson gave a lantern lecture to members and friends, illustrating and explaining the militant movement. Open-air meetings will be held every evening until November 21, and helpers are needed to distribute leaflets and sell the paper. Will they come to the office at 7.30 p.m.? Mrs. Charlton has organised a Jumble Sale for tomorrow (Saturday). Will members who have not already done so send in their contributions immediately? Those whose contributions are too bulky to be sent are asked to notify Mrs. Charlton, and they will be collected.

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Organiser—Miss Wylie.  
The municipal canvass goes briskly forward and results are extremely satisfactory. Miss Adam spoke to a crowded and deeply interested audience at the weekly "At Home" on Friday last; new members joined and a substantial collection was taken. She had a most favourable reception at Ballintore, where Mr. Scott-Maxwell took the chair. Miss Ellison Gibb has again sent in her name for the deputation on November 21. It is hoped that her splendid example will induce others to come forward. There is plenty of scope in other directions for those who are not free for militancy. Miss Parker, who is taking Miss Wylie's place during her absence, will be glad to receive offers of help and suggestions for raising money for the Christmas Fête Fund.  
Fri., Nov. 17.—Charing Cross Hall, Mr. Alfred Waring, 3.15 p.m.  
Sat., Nov. 18.—Marghill, Miss Frances Parker, Chair: Mrs. John, 3.30 p.m.

## CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Phyllis Ayton, 62, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 13, Carlton Vale, Malda Vale, N.W.  
The anonymous donation of £1 and the further Jumble Sale contributions are most gratefully acknowledged. Tuesday's meeting at Clements Inn went off successfully. There were interesting speeches and arrangements were also made for helping at the Fair and Fête. Paper-selling at Liverpool Street Station and Ludgate Circus is in a flourishing condition, but a great deal more help is needed if these two pitches are to be made as important as they ought to be.

## MEN'S POLITICAL UNION

For Women's Enfranchisement.  
Office—15, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.  
Telephone—City 672.  
Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Davat.  
The aims of this Union being complete and equal, its objects are always been identical with that of the W.S.P.U., namely, the granting of the Parliamentary vote to women on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men. We therefore revert to our anti-Government policy and to our original demand. In order to protest against the shameful conduct of the Government, a public meeting will be held in the St. Mary's Hall, on Monday, November 27, at 8 p.m., when Mr. Frank Hunter, the Hon. Treasurer, will be in the Chair. The speaker will be Mr. Victor D. Davat and Mr. Hugh A. Franklin. Admission free. Members and friends are urged to advertise this meeting by distributing leaflets, and by inviting people to attend. A meeting will be held in Hyde Park next Sunday at 2.30 p.m. (see Programme). A new leaflet has just been published, giving in concise form, the essence and result of the Hawkins case. Everyone should have some copies, obtainable from the above address at 8d. per 100, 6s. per 1,000.  
With the prospect of a strenuous militant campaign immediately before us, appeal must be made for further financial support. As our organisation grows, so our expenses increase, and to cope adequately with the actual work now in hand, it has become an imperative necessity to engage another shorthand-typist, and we also want to appoint another paid organiser. In addition to our present staff of voluntary helpers. We earnestly ask for donations towards this increased expenditure, and gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:—  
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## THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1214.  
President—Mrs. Forbes Robertson.  
Organising Secretary—Miss G. M. Conolan.  
The next Members' At Home will be held at 2, Robert Street, on Friday, November 24, at 3 p.m. Miss Eva Moore will be hostess, and the speakers will be Miss Maud Hoffman, Miss Muriel Matters and Miss Winifred Mayo. The subject of discussion will be the "Militant Agitation." The third Birthday Party of the League will take place at the Criterion Restaurant on Friday, December 15, at 2.30 p.m. There will be a Musical and Dramatic Entertainment, organised by the Play Department. Particulars will be published later.

## THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Office—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.  
Tuesday next, November 21, the day fixed by the N.W.S.P.U. for a deputation to the House of Commons, is one of special devotion. Members should use, in addition to the League's own prayer, that for the High Court of Parliament, along with appropriate suffrages of the Litany in the Book of Common Prayer. Members will find the Chapel Royal, Savoy, a convenient House of God for their meditations.

## THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman.  
Office—4, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge (opposite Tube Station).  
In view of the changed political situation a special members' meeting will be held at 27, Pembridge Crescent, Notting Hill Gate, W., by kind permission of Mrs. Lewis Wright, on Monday, November 20, at 8.30 p.m. Mrs. Cecil Chapman will announce the Society's policy. It is of the utmost importance that as many members as possible should attend. A meeting was held at Ely on Saturday, November 11, at which Miss Helen O'Connell spoke. It is hoped soon to form a local branch. It is now more than ever important that the Christmas Sale should be a great financial success. The organiser appeals for gifts of handkerchiefs, good artificial flowers, calendars, sweets and preserved fruits, and articles for the fancy stall. On Tuesday, November 21, at 4.15 p.m., Mrs. Kington Parkes will speak on tax-resistance, and Mrs. Craig-McKerrow will be hostess at the office At Home.

## CYMRIC SUFFRAGE UNION.

President—Mrs. D. A. Thomas.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. M. E. Davies, 37, Repton Road, Fulham, London, S.W.  
A committee meeting will be held at 69, Wimpole Street, on November 20, at 5.30 p.m., by kind permission of Mrs. Mansell-Moulton, when matters relating to plans for the immediate future will be discussed. After a meeting of the National Federation of Women Teachers of the Glamorgan County Council a meeting was addressed by Mrs. Rachel Barrett, B.Sc., on "Why Women Teachers Need the Vote." This meeting was presided over by Mrs. D. A. Thomas, and was organised by Miss F. M. Thomas. The meeting was well attended, and many members joined the C.S.U. The Rev. Ivan Davies, of Llanelli, North Wales, has had Mr. Snowden's pamphlet published in the *Banner* as *American Cymer*. Help in distributing handbills at concerts is still needed.



## IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office—Antient Concert Buildings, St. Brunswick Street, Dublin.

Miss Tatlow presided at the usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, November 7, at which a brilliant paper on "Some Inconsistencies in Education" was read by the gifted lady whose pen name, "John Brennan," is well known to the Irish public. Mr. Richardson, B.A., advocated the medical inspection of school children, and Mr. McDonagh, M.A., and Mme. Maud Gonne dwelt on these and other reforms. A poster parade, advertising the meetings, attracts much attention on Tuesday mornings. Mrs. Connery read a paper on "Woman Suffrage and Home Rule" before the Clontarf branch U.I.L. on Monday, November 6. A resolution supporting the demand of Irish women for the vote under Home Rule was passed, copies of which will be duly forwarded to the chairman of the Irish Party and the local member. In the course of a debate at the Croke Gaelic Club, Dublin, on Thursday, November 9, initiated by Mr. Sheehy Skeffington, Mr. Kent declared that in theory he favoured Woman Suffrage, but in practice would wait till Irish women asked for it. Mrs. Wyse Power replied that Irish women had been trained to sacrifice themselves and their claims to the need of their parties and had done so. Their reward was to be now told that they did not want the vote. She fully endorsed the demand of the I.W.F.L. that the Home Rule Bill should provide for the extension of the local government franchise to Parliamentary elections. Miss Molony spoke in the same sense. A successful and very enthusiastic meeting was held in Dugannon under the auspices of the I.W.F.L., Mr. Wilkins, B.A., presiding. Mrs. Cousins (hon. sec. I.W.F.L.) delivered an able address dealing with the present demand of Irish women for the vote. It is expected that Dugannon will soon become an active Suffragist centre, under the presidency of Mrs. Wilkins.

London Branch (Hon. Sec.: Miss G. O'Connell Hayes, 34, Grange Park, Ealing, W.)—Meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays at the Emerson Club, 19, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. at 8 p.m., the next one being on November 21. These meetings are free to all, and debate is invited. Women and men of Irish birth or connections are eligible for membership, and it is hoped that many will join and take an active part in the campaign to insure the enfranchisement of Irishwomen under the proposed Home Rule Bill. Will speakers come forward and offer their services? Donations will be gratefully received by the Treasurer. Many thanks to Miss Pell and Miss Elderton for theirs.

## MUNSTER WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Day, Myrtle Hill House, Cork. The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 7, in the Council Chamber, City Hall (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor). In the unavoidable absence of Miss Somerville the chair was taken by Miss McSwiney. The reports of the Treasurer and Secretary having been read and adopted, Miss Dorothy Cummins was unanimously elected Hon. Treasurer. Special reference was made to the necessity of increasing the sale of Votes for Women, and it is hoped that a good advance in this direction will be made during the winter. Miss Day will address a meeting on Suffrage in Queenstown on Monday, November 20, the first Suffrage meeting ever held in the town. It is being organised by Mrs. Barry, The Brake, Queenstown, and friends are invited to co-operate and help. Subscriptions are invited.

## FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR W.S.

Hon. Organising Secs. (pro tem.)—Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, 4, Cholmeley Park, Highgate, N. Hon. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Hatty Baker, 25, Hartington Villas, Hove.

The East Ham branch reports an enthusiastic meeting at Pines Park Congregational Church, when Mrs. Rogers was the speaker, and the hon. organising secretary's successful meeting at Aylesbury with the Church League. Speakers are needed for East Ham open-air meetings. Apply to Mrs. Simpson, 21, Lancaster Road, East Ham. Provincial meetings are being arranged at Horsham, East Grinstead, Bognor, Caversham, etc.

## CATHOLIC W.S. SOCIETY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Kendall, 22, Wilberforce Road, Finsbury Park, N. Hon. Treasurer—Miss Monica Whately, 75, Harcourt Terrace, The Boltons, S.W.

Members are reminded of the At Home to be held by kind permission of Miss Pedden at St. Martha's College of Housecraft, 4, Chichester St., St. George's Square (near Tate Gallery) to-morrow, Saturday, at 3.30 p.m. Miss E. Fitzgerald has kindly consented to speak. Those who wish to attend are asked to send a postcard to Miss Pedden. Contributions for campaign fund are still needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Angela Connolly, 10s.; Mrs. Cordelia Langley, £1; Miss Vera Holme, 5s.; R. M., £5.

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On Wednesday, November 8, Miss Clemence Housman spoke at Folkestone Town Hall. The same evening Mrs. Cobden Sanderson spoke on the subject at Croydon W.S.P.U. Public Hall meeting. It has been decided to hold a John Hampden dinner at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday, December 12. A drawing-room meeting will be held by kind permission of Mrs. Wheeler Peirce at her residence, "Centinella," Denewood Road, Highgate, to-morrow, Saturday, at 4 p.m. The chair will be taken by Mrs. May Wright Sewell (U.S.A.), and the speakers will be Dr. Constance Long, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, and Mr. Laurence Housman.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our readers will be interested to know that Miss Isabel Jeanie (sister of Miss Helen Craggs) will give a Rudyard Kipling Recital at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, W., on Friday evening, November 24, at 8.30 p.m. She will give selections from the "Light that Failed," "Just So Stories," "Seven Seas," "Jungle Book," "Barrack Room Ballads," and "Departmental Ditties," etc., etc. Miss Mary Browne will be at the piano, and Miss Jeanie will be supported by Mr. Frederick Nowell (baritone). Tickets, price 7s. 6d., 5s., 4s., and 2s. may be had from Mr. J. Mackay, Box Office, Steinway Hall (Telephone, 5446 Paddington).

Our readers will be glad to know that "The Butterfly on the Wheel," which had a successful run some time ago, has been revived at the Queen's Theatre, Miss Madge Titherage still plays Mrs. Admaston, the Butterfly.

A representative of Leyton, Mr. Shimmin, when speaking at one of the Class Teachers' Conference meetings at Norwich recently, referred to the Women's Social and Political Union as an illustration of good results won by splendid organisation.

A resolution in favour of Votes for Women under the Home Rule Bill was passed unanimously by the Fulham Home Rule branch of the United Irish League. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Mr. John Redmond.

One of the strengths of the Suffrage movement is its international character, and a much better understanding has resulted from the visits of English Suffrage speakers who have been able to address audiences in France and Germany in their own languages. It is, therefore, very useful for a Suffragette to perfect herself in foreign languages, and a pleasanter and less laborious way of doing this than by taking lessons is to attend dramatic performances. Many of our readers will probably be interested to know that there is both a French and a German season of plays now going on in London. The French Theatrical Society gives delightful varied entertainments, including classic and modern plays, with an occasional lighter programme every Thursday and Sunday, at the Boudoir Theatre, Pembroke Gardens, W. The performances are open to members only, but full particulars may be had from the secretary at the theatre. Information as to the German plays may be obtained from the secretary, 15, Craven Street, Strand.

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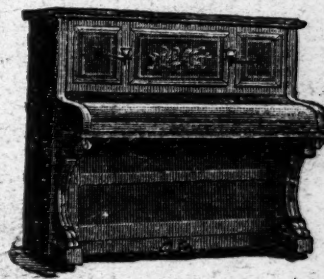
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